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GERMAN FORCES REACH BRITISH DEFENCE LINES

DRAMATIC STORY OF CAPTURE

The story of the capture of Lt.-Gen. P. Neame, V.C., and Lt.-Gen. Sir Richard O'Connor was told yesterday by informed quarters in Cairo, who revealed they were captured in the course of a military "hold-up" by armed German motorcyclists off the main Derna road shortly before midnight on Friday last week.

Staff cars with the two generals and two senior staff officers had left for their new headquarters further east but were not following the main Derna road, along which demolition work was in progress.

They took to a desert by-pass where they came upon a stationary British convoy with some lorries. The staff cars were trying to thread their way through the stationary vehicles when a German patrol on motor-cycles and side-cars, heading from El Meghelli in the moonlight, took the staff cars by surprise.

Guard Shot

A British soldier who was an eye-witness of the incident says a German soldier armed with a Tommy-gun approached the stationary staff car and told the generals to alight.

A Tommy nearby challenged the German, who shot him. The generals had to surrender.

The distinctly bad luck which resulted in the capture of the generals is shown by the fact that another staff car, with their aides, drove on the Derna road and reached H.Q. safely.

Major-General A. D. Gambier-Perry was taken prisoner in the course of the battle at El Meghelli, in which the British took some German prisoners.—Reuter.

SHANGHAI ABDUCTION

THE ADVERTISING MANAGER OF THE AMERICAN OWNED CHINESE "SHUN PAO," MR. SAUNG MOU-HOO, WAS KIDNAPPED SHORTLY BEFORE DAYLIGHT YESTERDAY BY THREE CHINESE, ONE OF WHOM WAS ARMED.

This brings the total Chinese newspapermen kidnapped in the last week to 15, three of whom were on the "Shun Pao," three the "National Herald" and nine the "Cheng Yien Pao."—Reuter.

BELGRADE AGAIN BOMBED

Belgrade was again attacked by low-flying German bombers yesterday, states a Belgrade despatch to the Vichy news agency. —Reuter.

British Troops Arrive

British forces are arriving daily and with steadily increasing numbers in the Western Desert.

The reinforcement will undoubtedly be larger now after the recent brilliant British victories in East Africa.

These statements were made by the Egyptian Prime Minister, Hussein Sirry Pasha.

He said he had already recently declared that the Spring would be full of events and "we must be ready to face the gravest situation." —Reuter.

R.A.F. HELL-DIVERS CREATE HAVOC IN GERMAN COLUMNS

(By Reuter's Special Correspondent with the British Forces in Greece)

HELL-DIVING THROUGH sleet and cloud, British fighter planes, their wings appearing to scrape the rocky sides of the ravines, are swooping low over German columns the length and breadth of the Balkan fronts, machine-gunning and bombing.

Day and night Greek aerodromes resound to the roar of bomber engines as relays of R.A.F. bombers fly in to fill their patrol tanks and bomb racks and take off again to play havoc with Nazi troop concentrations.

Columns of German tanks and armoured vehicles were broken up with heavy casualties when the Nazis captured Monastir (Bitolj) in southern Yugoslavia, it is reliably reported.

Sixteen miles south of this vital communication artery in the Florina area were heavily plastered. Troops trying to dash a way through the Greek lines near the Yugoslav frontier suffered terrible punishment.

Battle Starts On Greek North Front

IT WAS OFFICIALLY ANNOUNCED IN ATHENS LAST NIGHT THAT BRITISH FORCES CONTACTED THE GERMAN TROOPS MOVING INTO NORTHERN GREECE ON THURSDAY.

First news that British and German troops have met was contained in a terse communiqué issued by British Headquarters in Greece. The communiqué said: "German troops advancing into northern Greece contacted British and Imperial forces on Thursday."

While it is not yet stated where the fighting between British and German troops occurred, it is reported that the Germans have reached Yarnitsa, about 50 miles west of Salonika, and have also captured Monastir, in southern Yugoslavia.

This thrust has brought General List's armoured forces to the head of the famous Monastir Gap, leading from Yugoslavia into Greece.

IT IS RELIABLY REPORTED THAT THE GERMANS IN CAPTURING MONASTIR SUFFERED

ED A TERRIFIC ONSLAUGHT FROM LOW-FLYING R.A.F. BOMBERS, WHO SMASHED UP COLUMNS OF TANKS AND ARMoured VEHICLES AND INFlicted VERY SEVERE CASUALTIES.

Meanwhile Rome announces that an Italian army advancing from Italy into the extreme northwest of Yugoslavia is making progress in the valleys of the Rivers Sava and Ljubljanica.

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TERRIFIC DAMAGE IN BERLIN

The R.A.F. on Berlin on Wednesday night is described as the heaviest yet experienced in the Nazi capital and damage, especially in Unter den Linden, was "terrific."

This is according to neutral correspondents in Berlin, whose messages have been received in London via Zurich.

The Government district and three residential quarters also suffered severely, it is added, while the main railway station was completely burned out.

All fire brigades in Berlin were active throughout the night and continued to work until noon on Thursday.

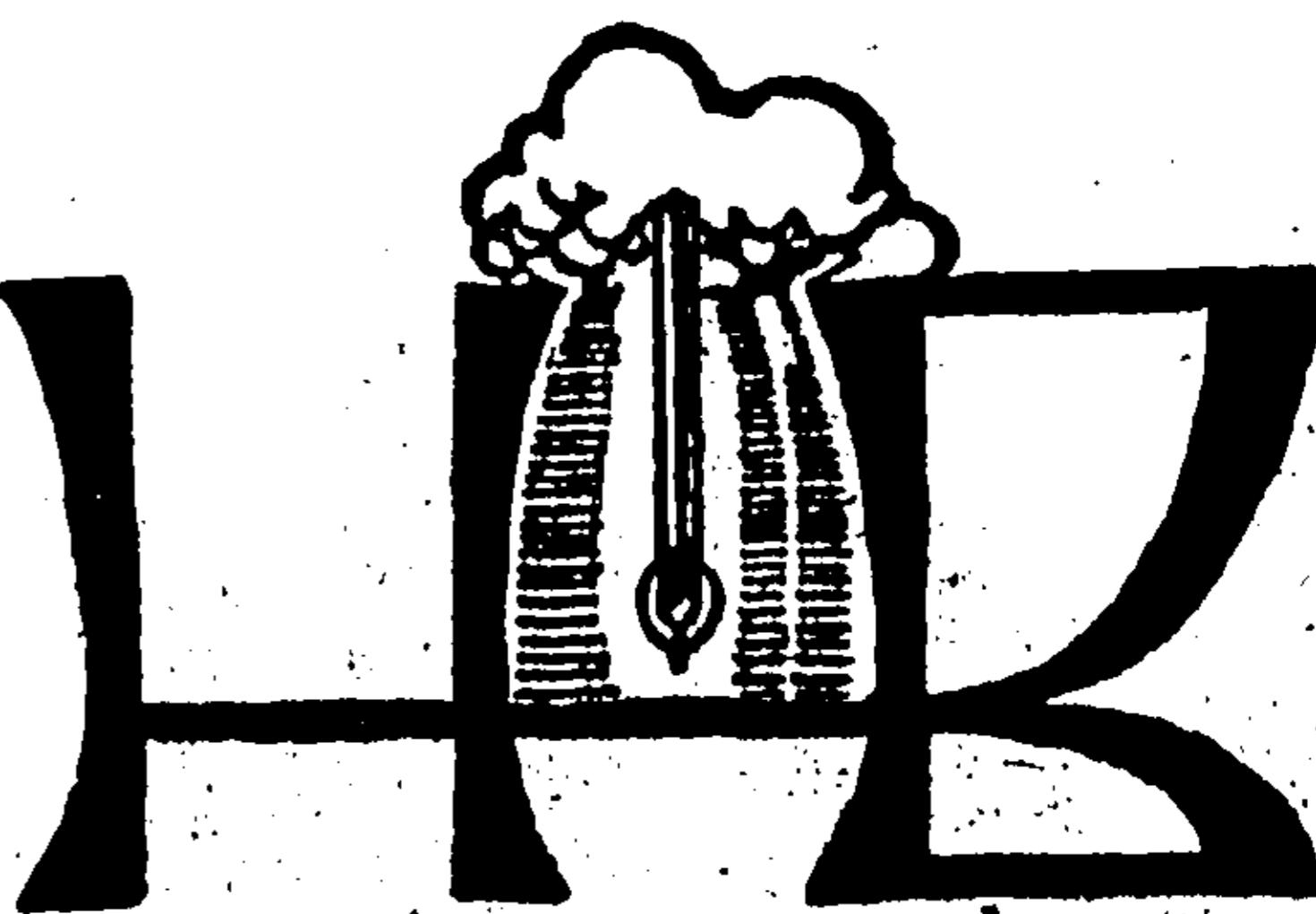
CORRESPONDENTS ESTIMATE CASUALTIES AS AT LEAST 2,000, POSSIBLY 3,000.—REUTER.

NEUTRALITY ACT DECLARATION

A state of war exists between Yugoslavia on the one hand and Italy and Germany on the other, proclaimed President Roosevelt yesterday.

This is a necessary prelude to invoking the restrictions of the United States Neutrality Act, which already applies to Germany, Italy and Greece. They now apply to Yugoslavia. —Reuter.

HAVE AN H.B.—



—AND THEN TRY!

Germans Suffer Heavily In Reckless Greek Offensive Losses Out-Weigh Advances Of Nazi Panzer Divisions

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

A GREEK COMMUNIQUE CLAIMS THAT GERMAN ADVANCES IN GREECE HAVE BEEN MORE THAN OFFSET BY TERRIFIC NAZI LOSSES IN THEIR RECKLESS AND COSTLY MULTIPLE OFFENSIVE. STIFF GREEK RESISTANCE CONTINUES ON ALL FRONTS.

Greek military sources minimise the loss of Salonika. They said the Greek army in east Macedonia is still fighting, though cut off, and insisted that a real decision will be reached on battlefields deeper within Greece.

German planes have launched heavy raids on Piraeus, the port of Athens and other Greek harbours.

When the Germans broke through the Metaxas Line and across the Greek-Yugoslav frontier, Nazi losses "were of much greater importance than the advance of German armoured columns."

"The war goes on. It will continue to do so. We know how to fight. We will not be influenced by unfavourable turns," International News Service.

Nazi Claims

A German High Command communiqué claims that German troops advancing from Syria have occupied Maribor.

Armoured units and infantry divisions, after occupying the junction of Nish, pursued the retreating enemy.

In advancing towards the Albanian frontier after crossing the Vardar River, Tetova and Prilep were taken.

In addition to 20,000 prisoners, about 100 guns and several hundred machine-guns, as well as large supplies of petrol, ammunition and other material, were captured.

In Yugoslavia, dive-bombers attacked roads and railways successfully.

Armoured units advancing from Yugoslavia down the Vardar Valley reached and occupied Salonika. Troops further east broke through the Metaxas Line and on occupying Xanthe reached the Aegean Sea.

Greek forces east of Vardar were completely cut off, and are alleged to have capitulated. — Reuter.

Confidence In Athens

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Greece will fight "until final victory," says a Greek communiqué issued in Athens.

It adds: "The Germans have suffered terrific losses which have more than offset their advances."

It is declared that the Greek troops isolated in Thrace are still fighting. Their number is unknown but is believed to be comparatively small.

New Puppet State

A proclamation has been issued in Berlin claiming the fall of Zagreb and announcing the formation of an independent Croat State.

General Sladko Kvaternik declared himself head of state in a broadcast from Zagreb radio.

Main Line Intact

Athens radio claims that the rearguard in Macedonia escaped in orderly fashion and that the main Greek defence line is still intact. — International News Service.

Zagreb Taken

The German High Command claims that German armoured

CHINESE MUSEUM IN YORKSHIRE

Evidencing the British school authorities' deep interest in the China Campaign Committee's New China Study Course, a plan is on foot for the opening of a Chinese museum for children in a Yorkshire school.

British school teachers welcome the prize essay competition about China among school children sponsored by the China Campaign Committee. The most encouraging sign, it is felt, is that the younger English generations' appreciation and understanding of China and the Chinese people will be conducive to closer Chinese-British understanding, friendship and cooperation in the future.

The China Campaign Committee proposes to send copies of the essays to China as a means of communication between British and Chinese children. — Central News.

THAILAND EXPORTS OF RICE

Immediate effect of the Burma Government control of rice exports from Thailand is that shipments are permissible under licence.

It is explained in Bangkok that the measure is necessitated by the heavy demands of foreign buyers. Only the normal surplus is available for export and the control is intended as a safeguard against a shortage of rice for home consumption, rice being the staple food of the country.

Control is temporary pending the harvest at the end of 1941. Of the new crop, the amount of rice

SIBERIAN RAILWAY TRAFFIC

"Smooth traffic via the Siberian route is being sought by the Japanese Government, in close touch with Germany," the Japanese Railways Minister stated yesterday.

He pointed out the increasing importance of the Siberian route for communications between Japan, Germany and Italy and other European countries, due to the prevailing international situation. — Reuter.

HEMINGWAY IN CHENGDU

Mr. Ernest Hemingway, noted American journalist-author and roving correspondent for the New York newspaper P.M., arrived in Chengdu by plane from Chungking. He was accompanied by Dr. Hsia Ching-hsiung, personal representative of Dr. H. H. Kung, Vice-President of the Executive Yuan and Minister of Finance. — Central News.

available for export during the current season is estimated at 1,500,000 metric tons, leading buyers being Malaya and Hong Kong. — Reuter.

NOTHING TO REPORT!

"Nothing of import on Italian East Africa," stated yesterday's Italian communiqué blandly, and in London the comment is offered "Nothing, that is to say, bar the fact that East Africa is no longer Italian!" — Reuter.

VERSATILE MILITARY QUALITIES

Broadcasting on his return from the Middle East, the Nawab of Bhopal said what struck him most was the "extraordinary versatility of the military qualities of the Indian troops."

This was evidenced by their achievements in the desert plains at Sidi Barrani and on almost impregnable hill-tops at Keren.

The Nawab also paid a tribute to the powers of adaptability to conditions shown by the troops, and expressed pride in their behaviour towards the civil population.

Arrangements for the care of sick and wounded were perfect and rations were good and adequate. Provision of aeroplane ambulances for the removal of serious cases to base hospitals would be much appreciated, and he hoped to present two of such to the authorities.

In conclusion he appealed to all classes in India to draw strength from what the U.S.A., Greece and Yugoslavia had contributed to the cause and redouble the efforts for freedom and honour. — Reuter.

FIELD-DAY FOR HURRICANES IN NORTH AFRICA

THE STORY OF THE destruction of more than 30 enemy aircraft in Cyrenaica last week is told in an Air Ministry bulletin. Most of them were shot down and the remainder destroyed by ground strafing.

KOWLOON CITY TEASHOP MURDER

Said to have been unable to pay a 11-cent bill at a teashop at No. 7, Cheung On Street, Kowloon City, early yesterday morning, a Chinese customer was alleged to have been beaten to death by some of the fokis employed in the teashop.

The body of the man was found lying in a lane behind the teashop and was removed to the Kowloon Mortuary. Following investigations, the Police detained four of the fokis.

It is alleged that deceased was taken to the back of the teashop, tied to a drain-pipe and then beaten until blood began to flow from his mouth and he became unconscious. He was then thrown into the lane.

An Australian pilot has recounted details of an amazing two days when 22 German aircraft were destroyed for the loss of one Hurricane.

On the first day of intensive aerial activity 20 German dive-bombers and escorting Messerschmidt fighters were routed by the Hurricanes, and five Junkers and three Messerschmidts destroyed. The fight was full of dramatic incidents. On one occasion a Junkers was caught in devastating fire from a Hurricane and broke in two.

Another pilot who ran out of ammunition shepherded a Junkers down to the ground, where it crashed.

The next day was even more disastrous to the enemy when 14 German dive-bombers which ventured out unescorted were shot down by British fighters.

The latter have also done some very successful ground strafing. — Reuter.

MR. QUO'S FAREWELL LUNCHEON

A FAREWELL LUNCHEON IN HONOUR OF THE PRIME MINISTER, MR. WINSTON CHURCHILL, WAS GIVEN BY AMBASSADOR QUO TAI-CHI AT THE CHINESE EMBASSY.

Among guests present were Mr. Lloyd George, Mr. R. A. Butler, Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, Mr. A. V. Alexander, First Lord of the Admiralty, Mr. John Winant, American Ambassador to Great Britain, Viscount Cranbourne, Dominions Secretary, Sir Alexander Hardinge, private secretary to the King, Mr. S. M. Bruce, High Commissioner to Australia, Mr. W. J. Jordan, High Commissioner to New Zealand, Mr. J. H. Peck, private secretary to the Prime Minister, and Lord Desborough. — Central News.

U.S. SUPPLIES TO EGYPT DIRECT

PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT yesterday reopened the Gulf of Aden and the Red Sea to American shipping.

Making the announcement at his press conference the President said American vessels would be permitted to go the whole way through the Red Sea to the Suez Canal, since Egypt was neutral.

The U.S. Government, he said, would not explore the question of whether supplies consigned to a neutral might ultimately reach a belligerent.

He okayed United States shipping's use of the Suez Canal.

Challenged in regard to the use of Port Said (the Mediterranean remains a combat zone), the President said he was not sure but certainly Ismailia, in the middle of Suez, was not a combat area.

Shipping circles believe that the 69 Italian, German and Danish ships seized in American ports will be used to rush supplies to Egypt via the Red Sea. — Reuter.

TRAIN MINED

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Many were killed and injured when a train travelling between Kashin and Hangchow on the Shanghai-Hangchow Line was wrecked by a mine on Wednesday, according to belated reports reaching Shanghai yesterday. — Our Own Correspondent.

SAFEGUARD FOR FEVER VICTIMS

You are not finished with fever when your temperature has gone down. Your body is undermined and not till you have built it up are you really out of danger.

The truth is that fever weakens the stomach and makes it unfit to take solid food. Very many doctors are now overcoming this difficulty by feeding fever victims on Horlicks. Horlicks has two remarkable properties. First, it is easily digested by the feeblest stomach. Second, it is a complete balanced food, sufficient in itself to rebuild the body into robust health.

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POSITION IS NOT DESPERATE

London Summing Up Of Fighting In The Balkans

R.A.F. 'Planes Restoring The Balance

(By Reuter's Diplomatic Correspondent)

ALTHOUGH GERMAN successes in Macedonia are very considerable they are neither as complete nor as extensive as German claims make out.

The situation of the Greek troops east of Vardar is doubtless very serious but by alleging they have already surrendered (which the Greeks deny) the Germans obviously hope to restrain any attempt at rescue or reinforcement.

Hitler Among Doomed

Raymond Clapper, writing in the "New York World-Telegram," declares these are Hitler's crucial days, and this a year in which it will be decided whether he will be victor or vanquished.

But he is already among the doomed. Not even a military victory can save him because an oppressor never wins an enduring victory.

It is important we keep this always in mind. Because the presence of the spirit of freedom, silently waging war against Hitler night and day, never sleeping and never tiring, is one of the mighty elements of this war.

It has kept England from defeat, it will keep Hitler from victory.—Reuter.

COVENTRY AND BRUM ATTACKED

The German attacks on Britain on Thursday night were varied, many parts of the country being visited.

The main targets were Coventry and Birmingham.

Ten enemy raiders were brought down, nine by our fighters and one by anti-aircraft fire.

This brings the total of enemy aircraft destroyed during the last four nights to 38, which is more than the total brought down in the first three months of the year at night.

There was slight enemy activity over the south-east coast yesterday but no bombs were dropped.—Reuter.

PRINCE EDWARD RD. ACCIDENT

Falling from the verandah of No. 293, Prince Edward Road, first floor, at 12.30 p.m. on Thursday, six-year-old Oleg Tomes was taken to the Kowloon Hospital by his father.

The boy was playing on the verandah alone when the accident occurred.

He sustained injuries to the head and it is feared that he fractured his skull. His condition last night was described as quite serious.—Reuter.

NEW MINISTERS APPOINTED

An early announcement of an exchange of Ministers between China and Australia is expected in Chungking.

It is reported that the Chinese and Australian Ministers have already been decided and are at present awaiting confirmation by the two Governments.—Reuter.

BERLIN'S BOASTERS AT WORK

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

German boastings have reached a new high, latest being a statement that "we give the Yugoslavs and Greeks, and the British in North Africa, a maximum of two weeks' resistance."

German sources, however, admit the Nazi troops are faced with "a hard drive."

The Germans are claiming that 80,000 Greeks trapped in Thrace have been captured. The final total, they add, may be 100,000.

Nazi quarters declared "a new surprise is brewing, which will seal the fate of Yugoslavia before Easter, and the Greeks and the British in North Africa will collapse sooner than it took to subjugate Poland".—International News Service.

BULGARIAN TROOPS LEAVE THE FRONTIER

Bulgarian troops have withdrawn from the Turkish frontier, according to an announcement on Ankara radio last night.

The announcement quoted "well-informed Berlin circles." — Reuter.

ANZAC TROOPS IN GREECE

"The people of Australia watch with the warmest admiration the struggle of the Greek people in the cause of freedom," declared the Australian Premier, Mr. R. G. Menzies, broadcasting to the Greek people from London last night.

"History is full of evidence of the greatness of the Greek nation and the people of modern Greece are being true to their magnificent tradition."

"Concrete evidence of the close friendship that exists between Australia and Greece is the fact that to-day Australian soldiers are fighting side by side with their Greek comrades against Nazi aggression." — Reuter.

HITLER'S BIGGEST DEFEAT THUS FAR IN THE WAR

WILLIAM PHILIP SIMMS, columnist of the "New York World-Telegram," says that win, lose or draw the mere fact that Hitler has had to resort to armed intervention in Yugoslavia and Greece, constituted the Fuehrer's biggest defeat thus far in the war.

That seems to be the first of three outstanding impressions in Washington.

The second, perhaps equally important, is that this new development may lead the United States into the convoy business.

The third impression is that the new treaty of friendship and non-aggression hurriedly signed between Yugoslavia and the Soviet Union is another major setback for the Nazi Napoleon.

Convoys' Issue

The "New York Post" says now we must think about convoys again or about other methods of assuring that aid shall reach England, Yugoslavia and Greece.

We must not underestimate the importance of that decision. We cannot know how much weight our convoys would throw into the balance but there are indications they might tip the scales for freedom.

The New York "Daily News" declares that when and if Hitler gets to the Aegean arm of the Mediterranean and even if he slaughters the Yugoslavs and Greeks and drives the British to the sea, what has he gained?

Major Mistake

This lunge for more of the Mediterranean sea coast, when Hitler already has Italy and Sicily, puzzles us. What is the object? Where does he go from there if he ever gets there?

From this distance, and bearing in mind the fact that Hitler long ago expressed the opinion that fighting on two fronts lost the war for Germany in 1918, it looks as if Hitler has finally made a major mistake.

It looks to us as if the Spring of 1941 is not going to be nearly so brilliant for the Germans as the Spring of 1940—and as if the Allies' position is better to-day than at any previous moment since the war began.—Reuter.

STOCK EXCHANGE DULLNESS

Attendance was thin and business on a small scale on the London Stock Exchange yesterday. Gilt-edged were maintained and foreign issues showed occasional losses. Price movements of industrials were narrow but on balance gains predominated. Wall Street was closed. — Reuter.

EXPLOSION IN SHANGHAI

The French Concession shook over a wide area on Thursday as a result of the explosion of a landmine in Hungjao, which was set off by four Chinese labourers, all of whom were blown to pieces. It is believed the mine was a relic of the 1937 Shanghai war.—Reuter.



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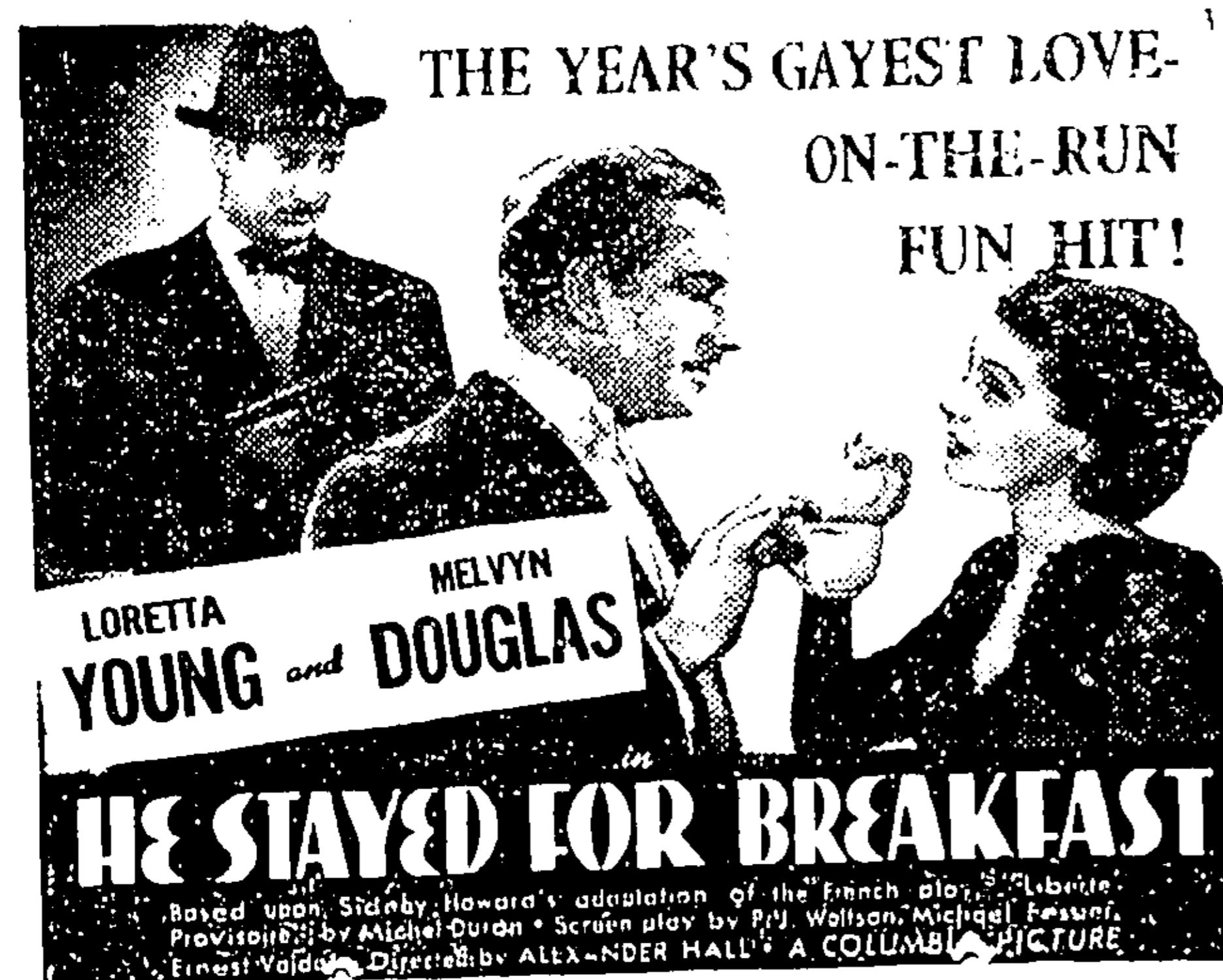
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Hungarian troops are reported to have entered Yugoslavia.

Admiral Horly, Regent of Hungary, in a proclamation yesterday, said Hungary greets the decision of the leaders of the people of Croatia to proclaim their independence.

He had given orders to his soldiers to "protect" the Hungarian minority in northern Yugoslavia.

After the fall of Zagreb, capital of Croatia, it is reported that the leaders of pro-Nazi Croatians declared independence for Croatia.

The Hungarian troops entered near Horgos, south of Szegedin and are advancing in the direction of Zbottica, says a Hungarian news agency despatch.

Nazi troops which reached Zagreb and those which entered Yugoslavia from Maribor (Marburg) have joined each other, continues the despatch. It is also claimed the Germans have reached Lipik in Croatia, 75 miles south-east of Zagreb.

It is understood in well-informed circles in Budapest that Hungary shortly will raise the status of the consulate at Zagreb to Legation status. Thus Hungary shortly will raise the status of the de jure recognition to so-called independent Croatia. Reuter

NORMANDIE MAY BE SEIZED

THE CRACK FRENCH LINER NORMANDIE IS AMONG 14 FRENCH VESSELS IN AMERICAN WATERS WHICH MAY BE TAKEN OVER BY THE UNITED STATES.

Seizure of these vessels is predicted by Administration leaders as one of the first steps following passage of legislation which President Roosevelt has requested for requisitioning idle foreign ships.

It is understood Congress will rush approval of the measure. — Reuter

ITALIAN AIR LINE FINED

THE ITALIAN AIR LINE WAS FINED AT RIO DE JANEIRO YESTERDAY FOR AN UNAUTHORISED FLIGHT OVER BRAZILIAN TERRITORY EXCEEDING THE LEGAL MAXIMUM OF SEVEN HOURS AND WAS WARNED THE NEXT OFFENCE WOULD INVOLVE CANCELLATION OF THEIR LICENCE.

The Brazilian authorities described the flight as an infraction of Brazilian neutrality. — Reuter

CHIEF OF U.S. AIR CORPS BRITAIN-BOUND

Major-General H. H. Arnold, Chief of the United States Air Corps, left New York by the Dixie Clipper on Thursday for London. He will act as official observer there "for three or four weeks." — Reuter

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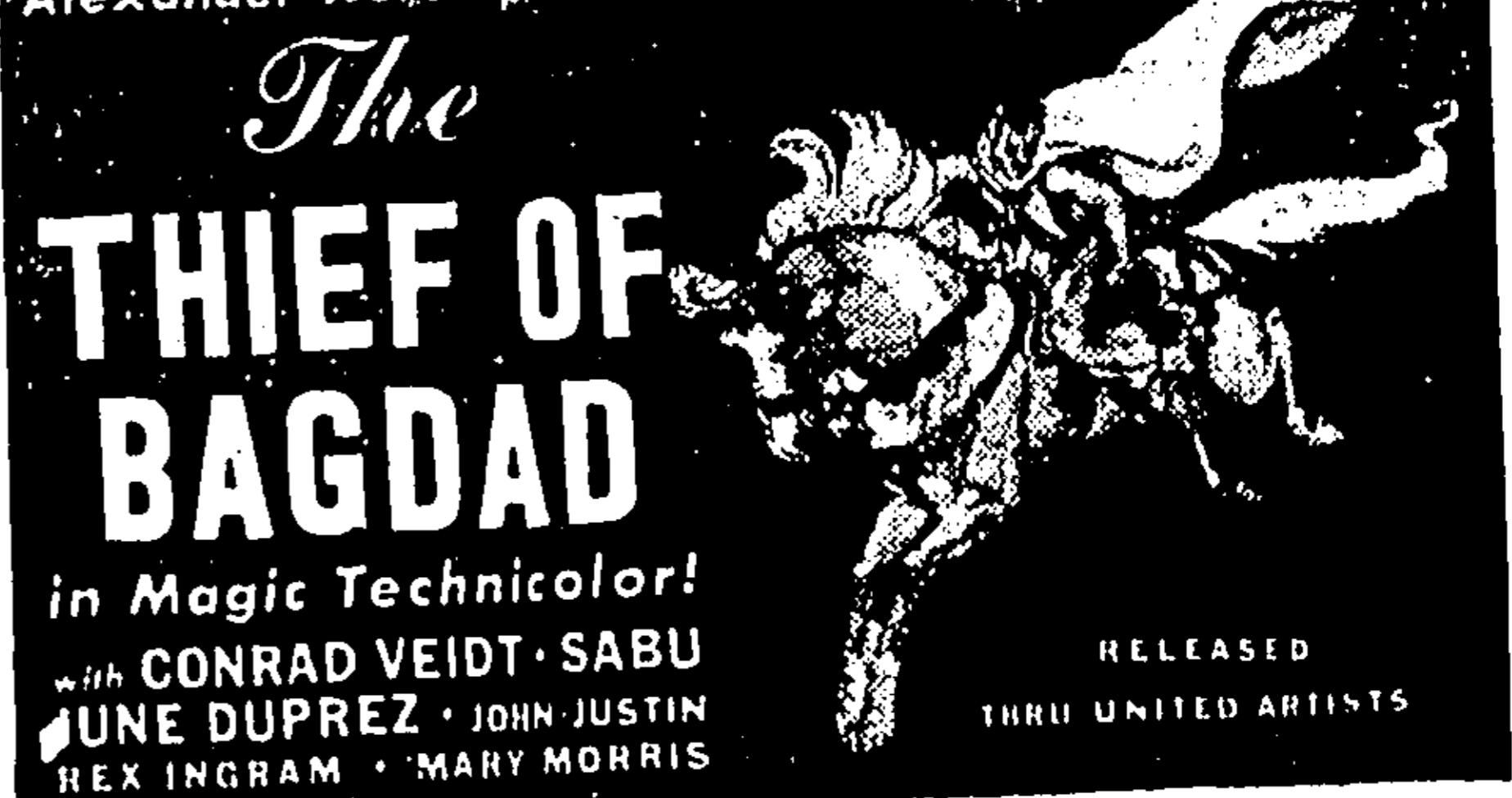
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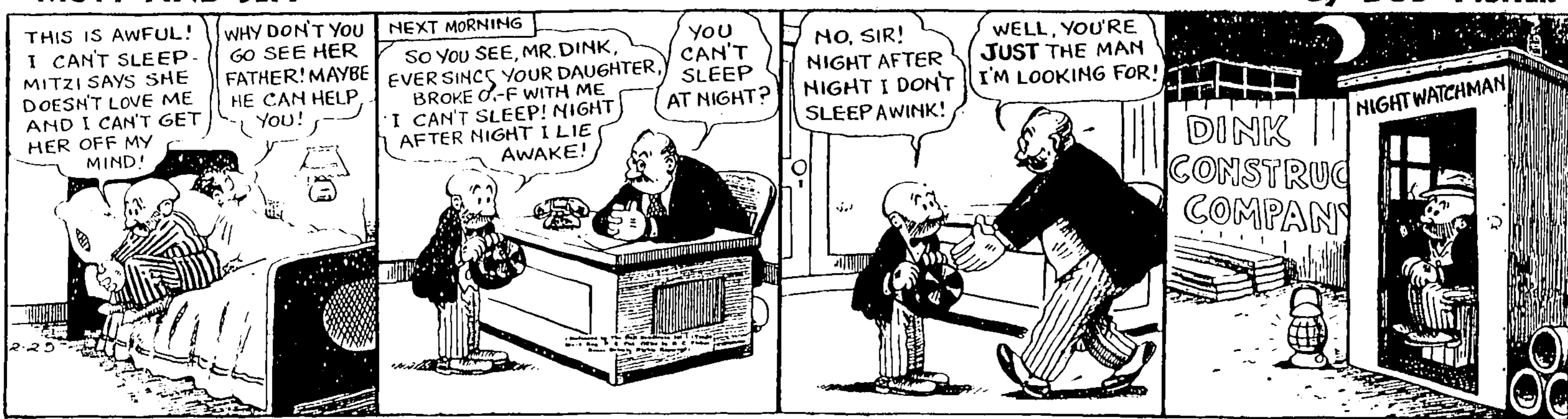
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U.S. PACIFIC ACTIVITY

All U.S. Army transports have been diverted to move troops and supplies between the United States and overseas possessions and bases, it was disclosed by the War Department in Washington.

It was also revealed that a complete military censorship has been imposed at all overseas bases.

Mr. Robert Patterson, Under-Secretary for War, told reporters: "Our greater activity in Hawaii, the Philippines, the Canal Zone and the new Atlantic bases requires the full use of transport service vessels."

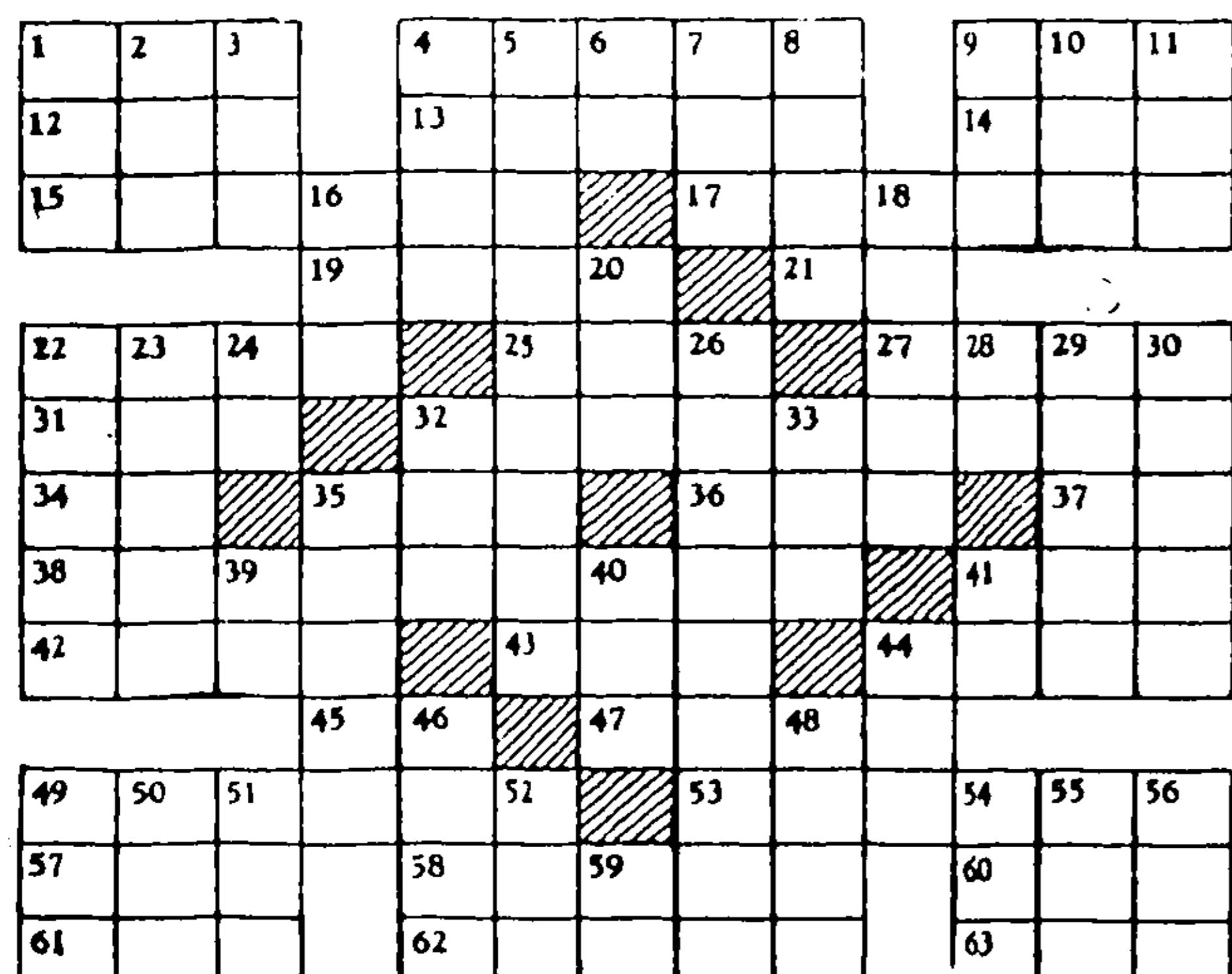
Twenty-six passenger and cargo ships are involved and in addition the War Department has chartered 10 freighters.—Reuter.

PRISONERS REACH SOUTH AFRICA

A total of 1,500 Italian prisoners, totaling 20,000 who left Africa last week to accept a recently located at a town in Africa to a new concentration camp for the duration of the war.

Those who saw the prisoners said were surprised to find most of them were little more than boys, though there were some with ribbons of the Great War. Reuter.

OUR 10-MINUTE CROSS-WORD



HORIZONTAL

1 Supporting pin
4 To take as one's own
9 Malt beverage
12 Girl's name
13 Smooth consonants
14 Fuel

15 Women
17 Narrows
19 Reward
21 Sun god
22 To omit

25 Pole
27 To pierce
31 Conjunction
32 Observant
34 Chinese measure

35 Tropical bird
36 American author
37 Conjunction
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41 Swine
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43 Weapon
44 Cushions
45 Teutonic deity

46 Brim
47 Aperture
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57 Constellation
58 Mends
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62 Girl's name
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1 Nothing
2 Room in a harem
3 To wander
4 To the sheltered side
5 Forsaking
6 Preposition
7 Favourite
8 Former ruler

9 Eon
10 Malay gibbon
11 Worm
16 Mischievous child
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20 Period
22 Vegetable dish
23 Cutting tool
24 European fish
26 Needy
28 Note of scale
29 To shun
30 Mountains
32 Literary scraps
33 To bow
35 Troubled
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40 Billiard stick
41 Colloquial: father
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48 Was borne by
49 Sudden flow
50 Sticky substance
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NO BOMBS DURING DAYLIGHT

No bombs were dropped in Great Britain on Thursday though enemy aircraft were fairly active in the Straits of Dover and the English Channel, and some flew inland, says an Air Ministry communiqué, quoted by Reuter.

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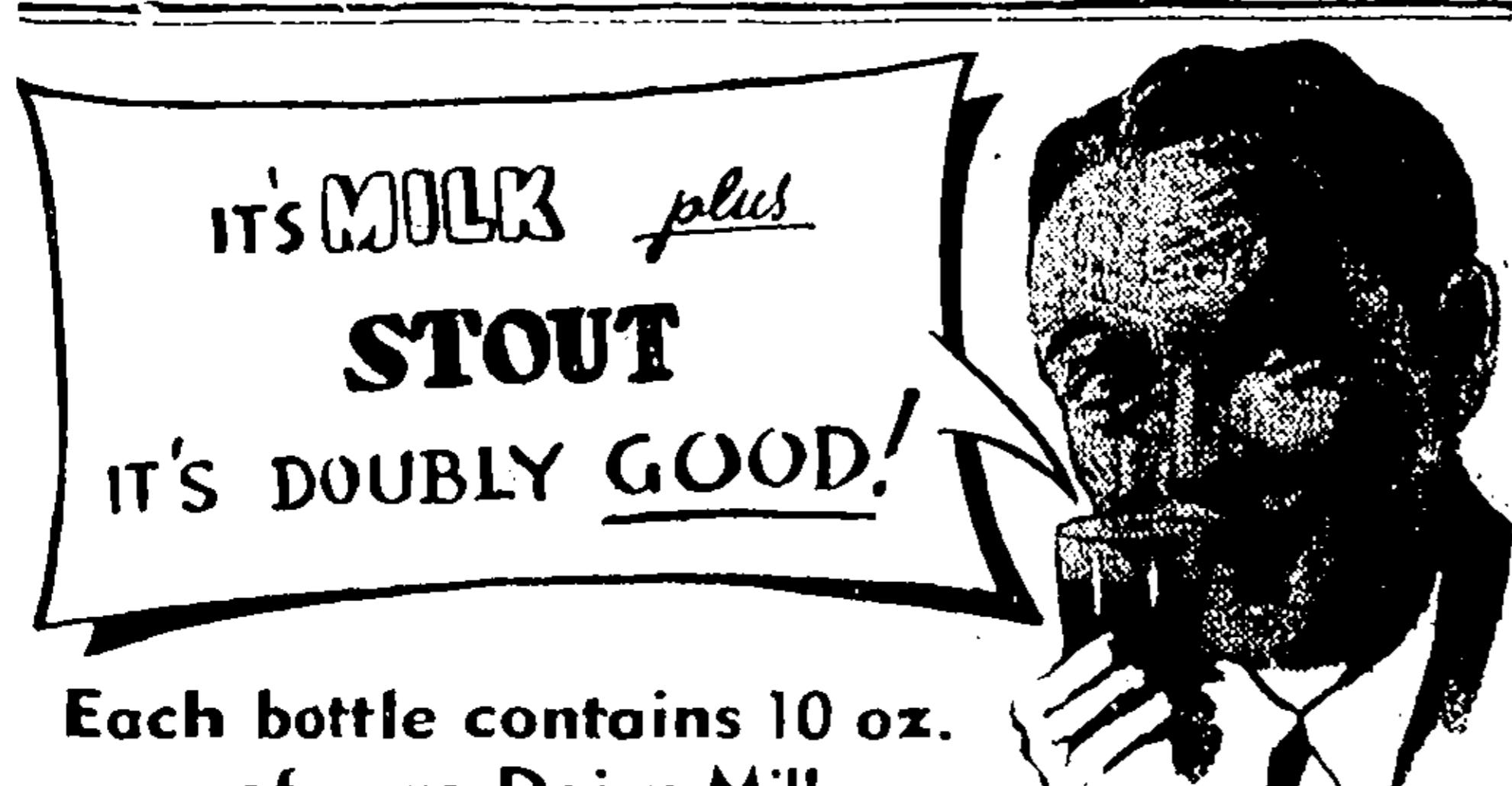
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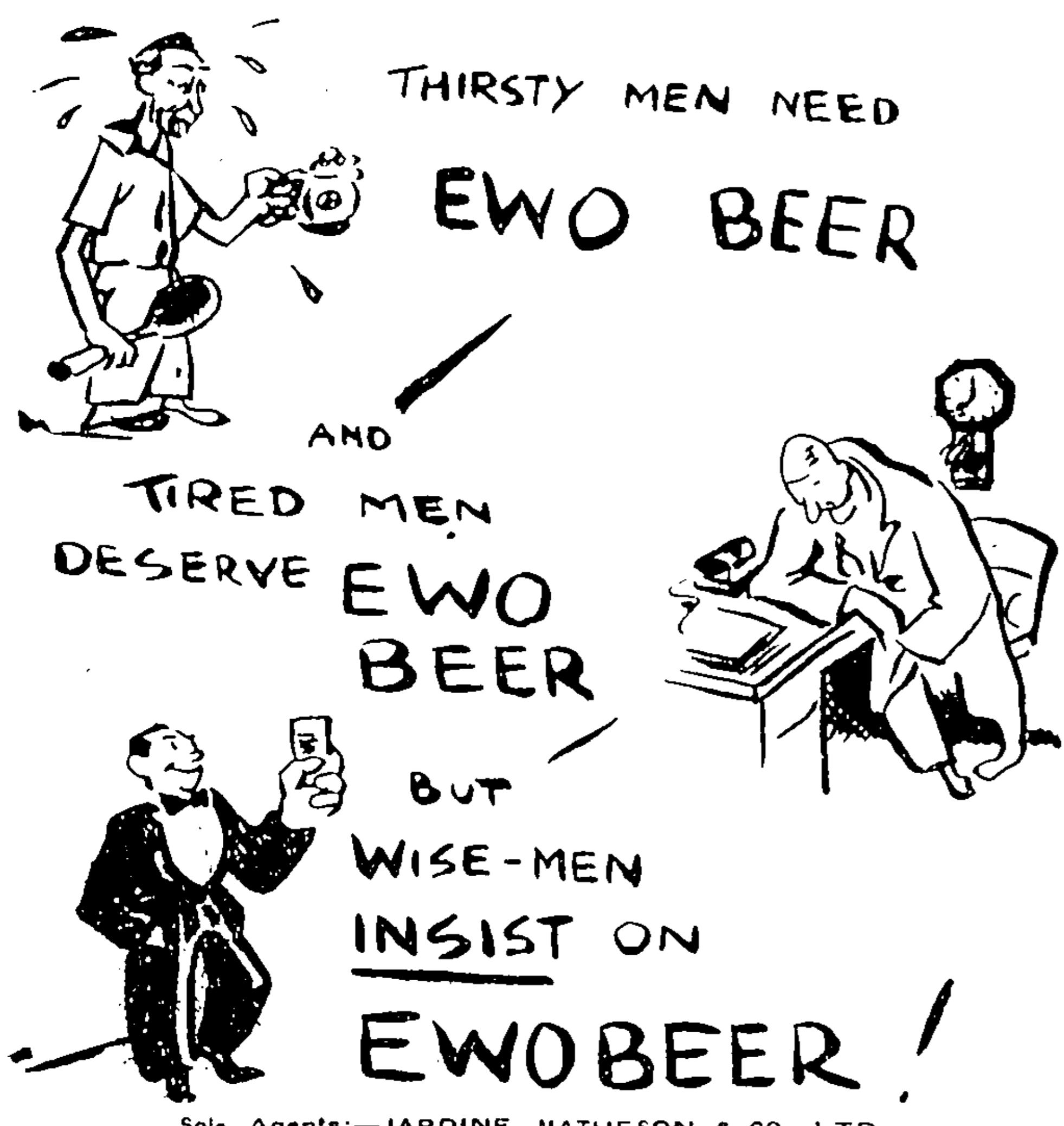
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GREAT CONVOY OF WAR SUPPLIES GETS THROUGH SAFELY

(By Reuter's Naval Correspondent)

WITH AEROPLANES STACKED ON THEIR DECKS AND THE HOLDS FULL OF WAR MATERIALS FROM NORTH AND SOUTH AMERICA, A CONVOY OF PERHAPS 250,000 TONS OF MERCHANT SHIPS STEAMED SAFELY INTO A BRITISH PORT FROM THE ATLANTIC RECENTLY WHILE ESCORTING DESTROYERS AND CORVETTES SLIPPED QUIETLY AWAY TO THEIR BERTHS.

Another victory in the daylong and night-long Battle of the Atlantic had been won. It was my privilege to sail from the same port in one of these same weather-beaten destroyers escorting an outward-bound convoy and to see and share something of the life of officers and men in the ceaseless task of guarding Britain's vital shipping lanes.

As lines of darkened ships steamed up the coast, the sky over the shore was prickled with flashes of anti-aircraft fire but no sound of gun or bomb was audible at sea. was the same with every blob of smoke on the horizon and every lone ship sighted, everything is investigated and checked.

All seemed strangely peaceful but for the presence of a couple of minesweepers as we left port and the tense concentration of the look-outs on the bridge.

So we steamed throughout the night and for days and nights, with the merchantmen keeping station and the escorts disposed around in a screen to ward off attack from U-boat or bomber.

U-Boats Reported

U-boats were reported in the area through which we must pass but nothing was seen of them until a day or two later when "action stations" was sounded, and in seconds officers and men below decks were at their posts to reinforce their shipmates always on watch.

Sea-booted and clad in heavy duffle coats and woollen hats against the biting wind, the men were passing ammunition and bringing the guns to the ready.

A ship in the convoy had reported sighting a submarine on the surface but she dived immediately, for there was no trace of her as we and another destroyer hurried to the spot.

Every Inch Combed

Every inch of the area was combed and depth-charges dropped in the hope of bringing the U-boat to the surface, but the hope was disappointed though we had some compensation a day later when we picked up a signal that a former captain of our destroyer had bagged a U-boat in an area near us.

Another call to action stations came at dawn when a large unlighted warship escort was sighted ahead. She had guns whose broadside could blow us out of the water and wreak havoc among the convoy.

As it was still unknown whether she was friend or foe, the alarm was sounded, the crew tumbled out on deck, guns and torpedo-tubes were got ready and a challenge flicked from the bridge.

Two Answers

There could be but two answers, a correct reply or a broadside. The second that followed seemed long and then a light flashed back to us.

"Answer correct, vessel friendly," the Yeoman of Signals reported.

NO AIR ATTACK MATERIALISED BUT WHENEVER OUR AIR ESCORT PICKED US UP AND EACH TIME A PLANE WAS SIGHTED, THE GUNS WERE TRAINED AND CHALLENGE GIVEN.

Nothing was left to chance. It

Turn About

We saw our outward-bound charges safely to their dispersal point and turned. A few hours later we picked up our homeward-bound convoy.

Not a shot was fired on the return trip save an occasional burst of machine-gun fire to sink a floating mine, but early one morning I saw a merchantman which had been bombed the previous day blazing, with rescue vessels standing by.

The same afternoon we sighted a waterlogged ship's boat. Reuter.

LONDON GETS NIGHT ALERT

London had its expected alert signal some time before midnight on Thursday night.

Heavy gunfire occurred in part of one area and the sound of planes was heard. The moon was partially obscured by a slight mist.—Reuter.

97 ITALIANS INDICTED FOR SABOTAGE

Ninety-seven officers and men from eight Italian freighters seized in New Jersey ports were indicted by a Federal Grand Jury in Newark on sabotage charges.

Rinaldo Negri, Italian marine superintendent, was also indicted.—Reuter.

UNITED STATES TAKES CONTROL IN GREENLAND

THE UNITED STATES is establishing air bases in Greenland. Ignoring the fact that Denmark is under German control, an agreement has been signed with the Danish Minister, M. de Kauffman, which in effect places Greenland under American protection.

The agreement provides for the establishment of United States air bases in Greenland both for its own protection and the protection of the western hemisphere.

Signature of the agreement took place late on Wednesday night, Mr. Cordell Hull (Secretary of State) signing on behalf of the United States, and M. de Kauffman on behalf of Denmark.

President Roosevelt, commenting on the agreement, said it was proposed to make sure Greenland remained a Danish colony, adding the step was "new proof of our continuing friendship towards Denmark."

Mr. Stephen Early, the President's secretary, declared the agreement was concluded after the United States had received information that German planes had been flying over Greenland. Mr. Early added that Greenland had been placed in exactly the same category as any other of the Atlantic islands owned by non-American powers.

attitude regarding the defence of Canada.

The announcement that the agreement had been made pointed out that it had been signed "on the anniversary of the day on which German troops invaded Denmark."

It added: "We earnestly hope for the quick liberation of Denmark from her present invaders."—Reuter.

WAITING TENDENCY IN STOCK MARKET

The London Stock Exchange on Thursday showed a generally waiting tendency. After opening slightly easier the market developed a steadier tone and mostly closed above the lowest. Gilt-edged were irregularly lower; home rails encountered some selling and industrials were easier but Kaffirs were fairly steady and oils were firmly held. Among foreign issues, Egyptian Unified were weak and South American and Far Eastern bonds a trifle easier. Wall Street was dull.—Reuter.

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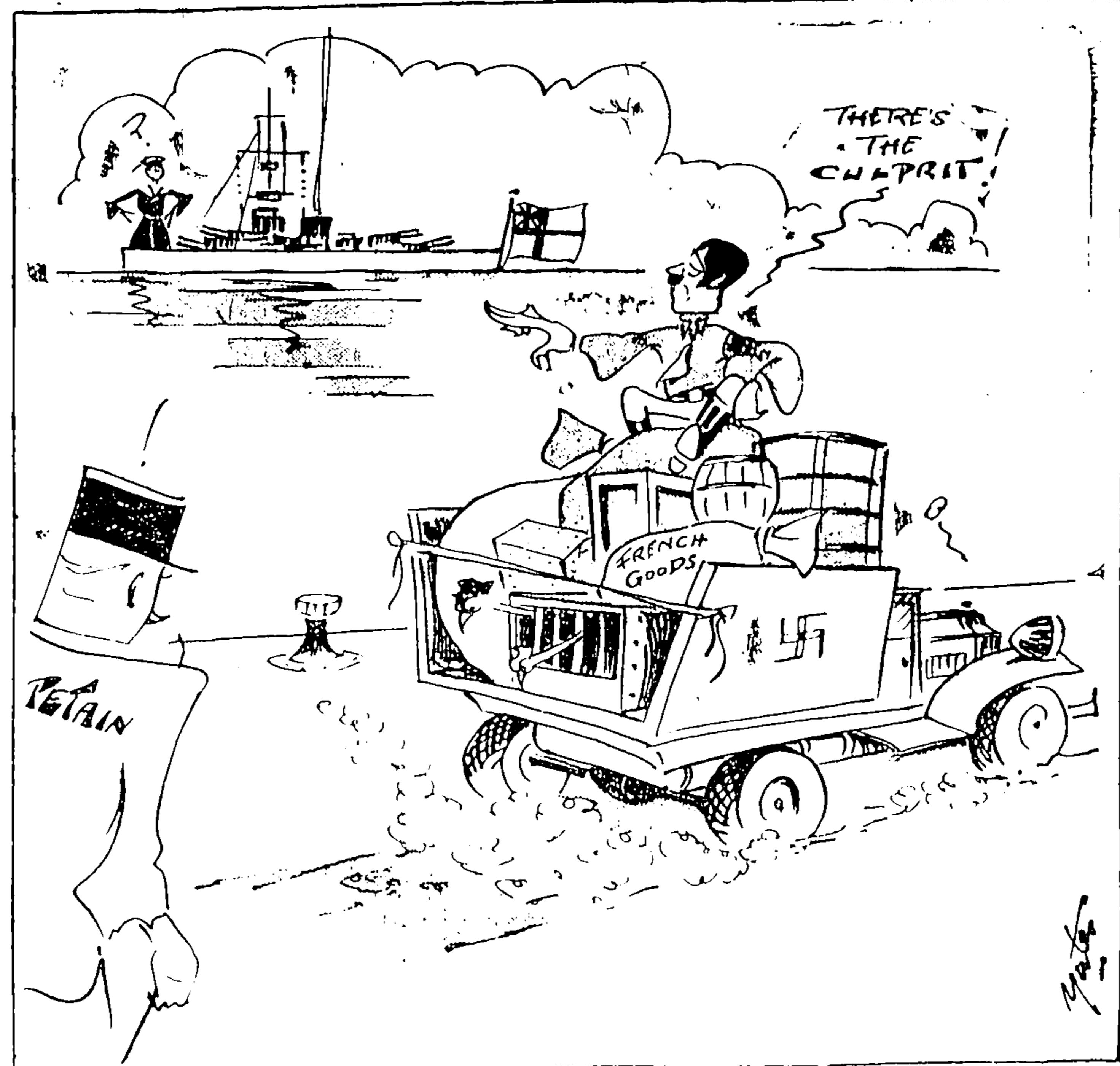
HITLER'S HESITATIONS

One of the most interesting aspects of the Balkan campaign is the reason Hitler hesitated so long before he finally decided to support his Axis partner. His indecision was extremely dangerous to himself as well as to Mussolini, and promises to cost him more than he probably cares to visualise. The resistance which he must now expect is more than doubled by the presence of British Imperial Forces in Greece, which, a few months ago, would not have been available for this area. The German Fuehrer has also given General Wavell time to smash the Italians in Africa. The Germans have had to start the campaign in Cyrenaica almost from scratch, whereas help given earlier would have added to the strength of the Italians and made the British advance so much more difficult.

As matters now stand, Britain is in a position to keep her supply lines open across the Mediterranean, especially since the Battle of Matapan which broke Italian naval power. The Delhi Conference has paved the way for a steady increase in supplies to the Middle East, and the expulsion of the Italians from the Red Sea, will in all likelihood result in direct American shipments to Red Sea ports. This is the second time during the course of the war that Hitler has failed to seize a golden opportunity.

The withdrawal of the British army from France showed he had not the necessary decision to follow up his advantage and attack Britain when she was at her weakest—an attack that would have had more chance of success than the delayed action of last September. Hitler's indecision could afford good material for psychological study, but from the military point of view his lack of nerve at the crucial moment augurs ill for his future success. Should he succeed so far as to over-run Yugoslavia and Greece, he does so to-day at the cost of many men and much material, and his position must be worse than it might have been three months ago, when Mussolini had the power to assist him.

Yugoslavia's refusal to sign away her freedom for the doubtful blessing of German domination, must have been a blow which Berlin had not anticipated. As Mr. Churchill put it: "A boa constrictor who had already



Triumphs In Africa

By
Weldon James

covered his prey with his foul saliva and then had it suddenly wrested from his coils, would be in amiable mood compared with Hitler when he experienced this bitter disappointment." Since Yugoslavia had lost the moral support of the League of Nations, with the break-up of that body, since the failure of the

Balkan Entente and the collapse of her old friend France, coupled with German penetration against which the Government had been powerless, Hitler had foreseen no difficulty in forcing his will on the conglomeration of races, often antagonistic, which comprise Yugoslavia to-day. Germany needs what Yugoslavia can supply— invaluable supplies of copper, lead, chrome and bauxite. With the exception of bauxite, Yugoslavia is Germany's sole important source of these essential materials, and in the recent abortive agreement, heavier exports to Germany had been included. Here was another case of loss through hesitation. If Germany had made the same demands on Yugoslavia two months earlier than she did two weeks ago, when Hungary and Rumania fell, the Government would in all probability have succumbed. Germany, coupled with Italy's then unbroken army and navy, appeared all-powerful.

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Duke Among Defenders

Observers estimated the Fascist defenders at 25,000, including re-

inforcements rushed from Addis Ababa at the order of the Duke of Aosta, Viceroy of Ethiopia and commander of the besieged troops.

Greatest of the British triumphs are the capture of the Eritrean stronghold of Massawa and the Ethiopian capital of Addis Ababa. Others included the capture of Gambela, in western Ethiopia, by a new column of British and Free Belgian forces, and the occupation of several Italian posts on the southern Ethiopian front by native irregulars.

The capitulation of the demoralised and isolated Fascist units in all Ethiopia may make the headlines in another week.

This would enable the British Command, with their control of the seas, to leave only a handful of garrison troops in East Africa and concentrate their forces elsewhere—some on the Libyan front, more in the Balkans.

Not that the British Government have 200,000 troops in East Africa. Nothing like it, in all probability. But the neutralising of the eastern half of the continent would release reserves in the Sudan and Egypt, as well as in South Africa, and permit the dispatch of considerable numbers of Free French and other foreign legion forces to Mediterranean or Balkan fronts.

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With Keren and its high plateau and its 10,000 natives under the Union Jack, the British had comparatively easy ground to cover in marching on to Asmara, the capital, and to Massawa, Eritrea's largest seaport. Naval cooperation here, such as employed in the recapture of Berbera, speeded the Eritrean collapse.

The taking of Harrar, Haile Selassie's home town and Ethiopia's second city (50,000), was almost as great a triumph for Britain's fast-moving West and South African forces. These mechanised units advanced from Jigjiga through the Marda Pass, a natural defence reinforced with deep defences of wire, tunnels and tank traps. But the Fascist fight here was apparently track-meet stuff compared to that at Keren.

The early fall of Diredawa and cutting of the railway, destroyed almost the last avenue of escape for the Italian troops and civilians in Addis Ababa and the entire southern half of Ethiopia.

War In The Air

Nazi indifference to the law of probability has always argued against acceptance of German war claims. Take the Berlin communiques for the week ended March 23—a seven-day stretch of almost constant air raids on British ports and industrial centres. Adolf Hitler's High Command asked the world to believe that the Luftwaffe lost only two planes (one of them over northern Germany) while Britain lost 25. That seemed to be stretching credulity a bit far, particularly after the official German news agency had reported "startling" new British defences.

Plane loss figures released by the British Ministry of Information for the western front seemed more plausible. London again reported a tremendous lead in the Middle East, but even Rome hasn't contested the R.A.F.'s control of the air over Africa. Here is the British box score:

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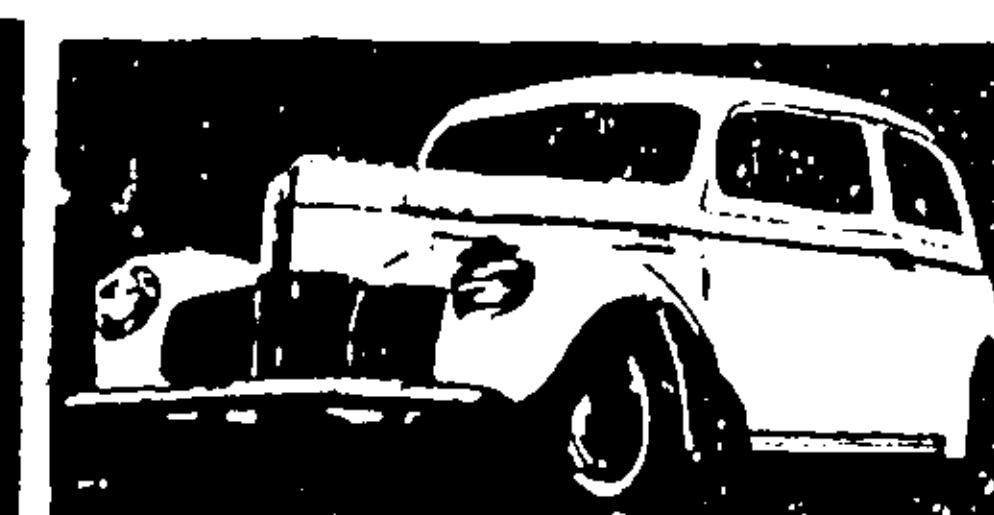
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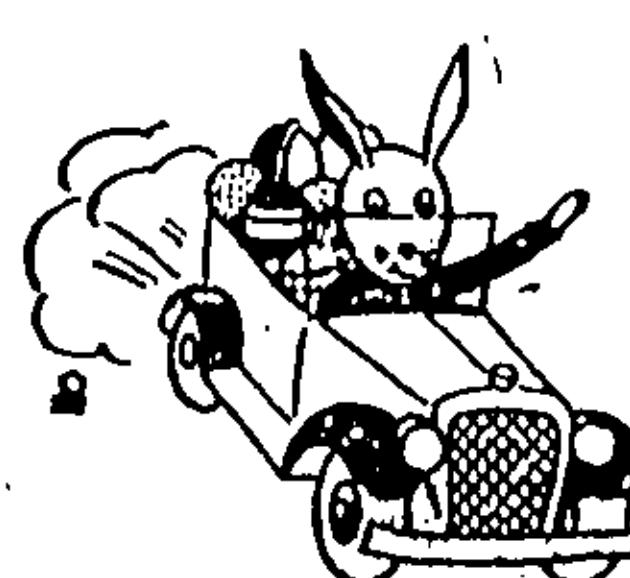
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GREAT FIRES IN HEART OF BERLIN

"ALL BOMBS IN THE TARGET AREA: 14 FIRES THERE, VERY PERSISTENT." THIS WAS THE REPORT OF ONE PILOT DURING LAST WEDNESDAY NIGHT'S RAID ON BERLIN.

With the progress of the attack the number of fires increased, and before midnight bombs were seen to burst near one main railway station and others exploded in a large goodsyard.

In the third hour of the raid a great fire sprang up in the heart of the capital from which a tremendous cloud of smoke rose high in the air.

When the heavy attack was made, under an almost full moon, Nazi communiqué, which also claims that a soaring total of British bombers were shot down in the last two nights.

Many pilots expressed the opinion that the defences had been strengthened since the last attack, but this new attempt to make the city as impregnable as it was once declared to be, did not prevent our bombers from discharging loads of high explosives and many thousands of incendiary bombs in the centre of Berlin.

The attack was pressed home and while bombers were within range of batteries placed in depth from the outskirts of the city to the centre, the air seemed full of bursting shells and weaving searchlights.

Searchlight Barriers

The Germans also tried to stop the raiders on the way across Germany and back. There were barriers of searchlights to catch the bombers and guide night fighters to them.

One bomber saw a fighter silhouetted against the moon and opened fire. The German plane dropped like a stone.

A German High Command communiqué describing the main R.A.F. attack against Berlin says high explosive and incendiary bombs caused some considerable damage in residential quarters and the centre of the capital.

Public buildings of historic and cultural importance, including churches and museums, were also hit.

Few Casualties

In comparison with the weight of bombs dropped, civilian casualties were relatively very few.

Smaller R.A.F. forces raided Emden and Bremen among other

PALL OF SMOKE

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

A pall of smoke hung over Berlin after the most devastating R.A.F. raid of the war on the German capital.

Explosives and incendiaries cut a swath in the heart of the city. The Opera House was burned out, the State Library, Bellevue and Palaces hit and six

killed at Potsdam.

The Nazis claim that military and industrial damage was "insignificant" and that 15 British planes were downed. —International News Service.

BATTLE OF APRIL MOON OVER GREAT BRITAIN

(By Reuter's Air Correspondent)

WHILE R.A.F. BOMBERS were stoking fires in the centre of Berlin with high explosives, as a climax to successful British raids on Germany and occupied territory in daylight and darkness, R.A.F. night fighters and British A.A. Gunners on Wednesday night improved on their success in last month's Battle of the Moon over Britain.

April's moon did not reach its zenith until Thursday night, but by dawn the total of 27 German night bombers destroyed over the full moon period in March — 12, 13 and 14 — had been equalled by the destruction of 11 raiders on Wednesday night, 10 on Thursday night and six the night before.

To the R.A.F.'s crack night-flying team of Beau fighters, Defiants and Hurricanes, which have now broken their previous record by claiming at least 21 of the raiders destroyed in the last three nights, must now be added the Douglas DB7, an American-built light bomber-fighter.

This plane, it is announced, is now taking part in night operations for the Fighter Command under the name of Havoc. It is not disclosed whether the Douglas actually is helping to beat the blitz or is taking part in offensive operations on the Continent in the same way as other R.A.F. fighters, which in the darkness of Wednesday night, again strafed objectives over occupied France.

Details are still awaited from the Air Ministry, but it is known the attack on the capital was limited to three hours on account of the 1,200-mile flight there and back facing the R.A.F. these shorter nights.

The West Midlands attack is described as intense, with widespread damage to commercial buildings and homes.

Heavy Casualties

To-day, buried people are still being extricated and it is feared casualties will prove to be heavy. Several of the fires were large.

Despite the terrible barrage put up by the defences, enemy bombers roared overhead in the north-east coast area almost without cessation during the whole night, and again damage and casualties may prove heavy.—Reuter.

3-Hour Raid

Full details of the R.A.F.'s hammering at Berlin and other objec-

Lion Of Judah's Flag Again Over Addis Ababa

GREEN, GOLD and red, and emblazoned with the Lion of Judah, the flag of Haile Selassie flutters again at the masthead of Parliament House in Addis Ababa.

The officer commanding the Imperial troops addressed representatives of leading races in Abyssinia before the ceremonial hoisting of the flag.

The ceremony was held in the old Parliament House of Emperor Menelik, standing on the summit of one of the city's seven hills.

AS THE FLAG BROKE AT THE MASTHEAD AN AUDIBLE HUM FROM THE VAST CROWDS IN THE CITY BELOW SWELLED ECHOED AND SPREAD THROUGH THE CAPITAL UNTIL THE WHOLE CITY WAS CHEERING

Many remarkable scenes were witnessed, such as an Abyssinian Rao (chief) stopping swiftly to kiss the boot of the officer commanding.

Lot To Do

Speaking to the chieftains, the officer said: "There is still a lot of work to do, and speed largely depends on the Ethiopians."

"I ask you men of influence to see not only that order is kept in the town but that there are no attacks outside. Can you give me that assurance?"

The question was answered tumultuously.

A proclamation signed by the Emperor in the heart of the Gojjam Mountains on March 17 was read, empowering the British commanders, in consultation with Abyssinian leaders, to issue notices relating to the prosecution of the war.

A FEW DAYS BEFORE THE OCCUPATION PATRIOTS DESTROYED A BRIDGE NEAR THE CITY, HURLING A LOCOMOTIVE DRAWING A TROOP TRAIN OVER THE EMBANKMENT THIS WAS FOLLOWED BY A FIERCE 12-HOUR FIGHT

Pressure Maintained

The British and Imperial troops are maintaining their pressure on the Italian forces withdrawing in Eritrea and Abyssinia.

This was announced in a communique issued from the War Office in London.

The communique also stated there is no change in the situation in Libya.

5,000 Prisoners

Five thousand prisoners were taken at Addis Ababa, it is officially announced in Nairobi.

The prisoners included 4,000 Italians and 1,000 native troops. Patrols collected a further 1,450 Italians and 900 Africans on Wednesday.

Two British officers and 18 South African motor transport drivers captured 800 Italians at Awash.—Reuter.

LIBYAN DESERT RAIDS

Severe sandstorms in the Libyan Desert interfered with R.A.F. operations against German and Italian formations advancing eastward.

This is mentioned in an R.A.F. communique issued in Cairo.

R.A.F. bombers and fighters nevertheless continued to attack enemy columns, inflicting many casualties and causing much damage.

The remains of 31 wrecked or damaged enemy aircraft were discovered at Addis Ababa aerodrome. Some were in a repairable condition.—Reuter.

PRESIDENT SEEKS NEW POWERS

President Roosevelt has asked Congress for broad statutory authority to take over any "foreign-owned vessels lying idle our ports."

This authority, the President declared, should be subject to payment of just compensation.

He cited the Merchant Marine Act, authorising him to requisition or purchase any American-owned vessels in time of national emergency or when national defence made it advisable.

He did not limit his remarks to Danish vessels. "It is too obvious that our ultimate defence will be rendered futile if the growing shortage of shipping facilities is not arrested."—Reuter.

IRAQ REVOLT INSPIRED

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

The Iraq revolt, which placed Rashid el Kalami at the head of the Government, is believed in Istanbul to have been inspired by Axis propaganda and money.

Neutral observers familiar with political machinations and intrigues in Near East countries also believe the Axis was at the bottom of the recent demonstrations and unrest in French Syria.

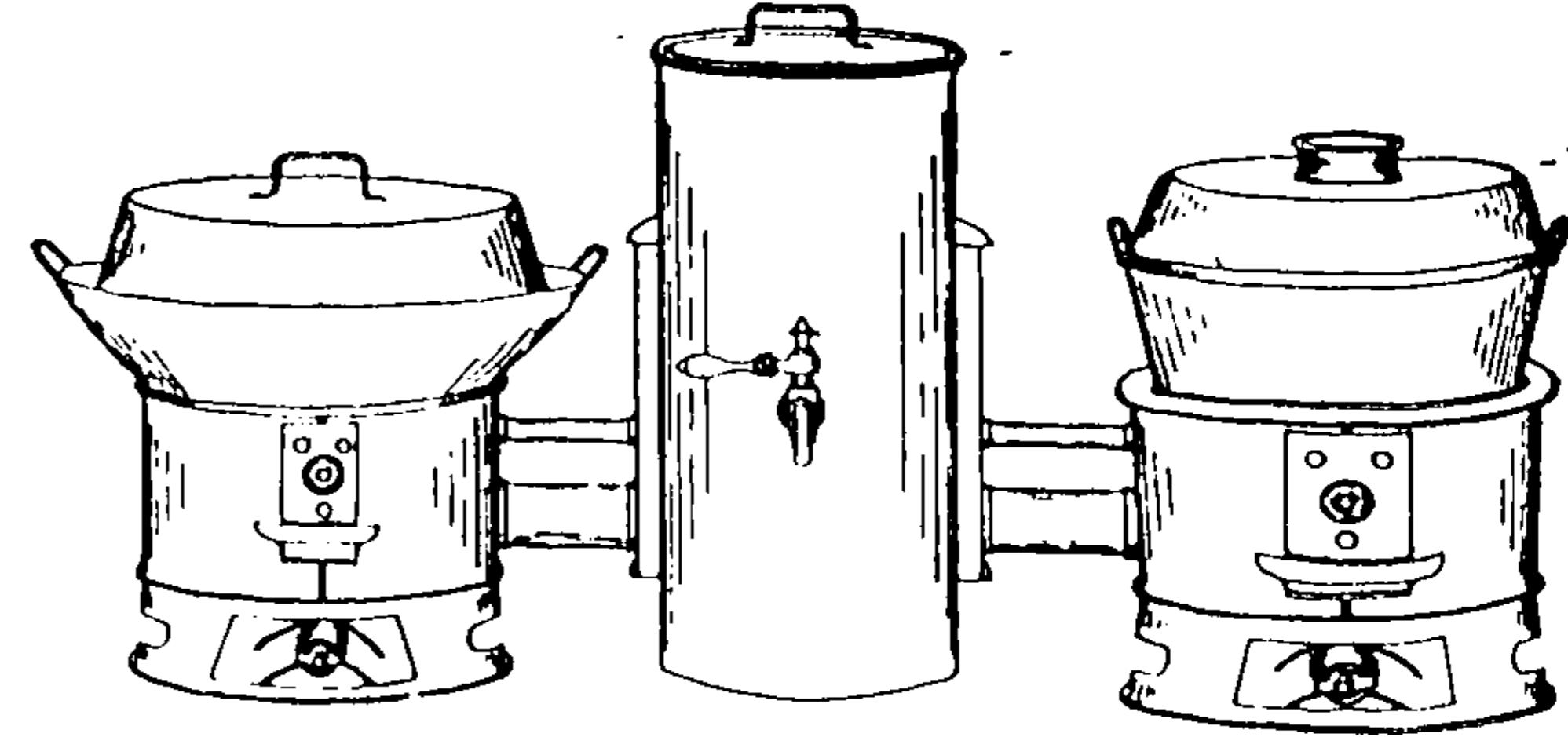
It was pointed out that the new Iraq leader has much personal ambition and is supported by a small party and a small part of the army but has little backing from the people and is definitely opposed by the British who distrust him. — International News Service.

"BROOKHAM" LEAVES FOR SINGAPORE

AIR CHIEF MARSHAL SIR ROBERT BROOKE-POPHAM, COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF, FAR EAST, LEFT MANILA FOR SINGAPORE BY AIR ON THURSDAY MORNING.

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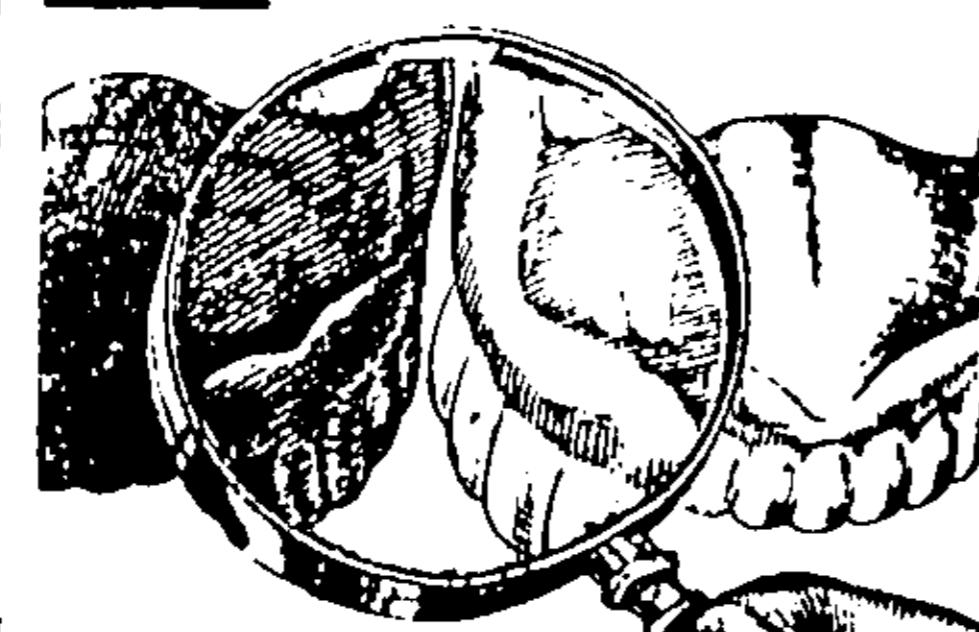
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A BAD CONTRACT**By The Four Aces**

"This is exactly the sort of hand that gives us most trouble," writes a St. Louis reader, "so I copied it right down the other night to find out what you have to say about it."

North, Dealer
East West vulnerable

♦ A 6	♦ A 6	♦ A 6	♦ A 6
♦ Q 8 7 3	♦ Q 8 7 3	♦ Q 8 7 3	♦ Q 8 7 3
♦ A Q 10 6			
♦ J 6	♦ J 6	♦ J 6	♦ J 6
N W S E			
♦ 9 6	♦ 9 6	♦ 9 6	♦ 9 6
♦ 8 7 4 3	♦ 8 7 4 3	♦ 8 7 4 3	♦ 8 7 4 3
♦ A Q 8 5 2	♦ A Q 8 5 2	♦ A Q 8 5 2	♦ A Q 8 5 2
♦ K 7 3	♦ K 7 3	♦ K 7 3	♦ K 7 3
♦ K Q 8 7 2	♦ K Q 8 7 2	♦ K Q 8 7 2	♦ K Q 8 7 2
♦ K 5	♦ K 5	♦ K 5	♦ K 5
♦ K 5	♦ K 5	♦ K 5	♦ K 5
♦ 10 9 4	♦ 10 9 4	♦ 10 9 4	♦ 10 9 4

The bidding:

North	East	South	West
1♦	Pass	1♦	Pass
2♦	Pass	2NT	Pass
3NT	Pass	Pass	Pass

"We opened the clubs, and that was the end of us. We soon saw that four spades or four hearts could have been made despite the uneven trump break, and an extra trick would be made if clubs weren't opened. But we couldn't find any way to get to either major suit game."

HIGH CARD VALUES OF THE FOUR-ACES SYSTEM

**ACF... 3
KING... 2
QUEEN... 1
JACK... ½**

TOTAL VALUE = 100%
AVERAGE VALUE = 57%

South bids two spades over two diamonds, isn't that a sign-off? And once South shows strength by bidding two no-trump, how can North tell that the game is in a major suit rather than at no-trump?"

The cause of the trouble is a misunderstanding shared by many players. It is not a sign-off for South to bid two spades on the second round of the bidding. If South had a really bad hand, he could pass two diamonds or show a preference by bidding two hearts; for a bad hand must get out of the bidding as quickly as possible. South's failure to drop the bidding like a hot potato, even if he bids only two spades, is clear evidence that he has reasonable values.

Of course, if South bids two spades, the rest is easy. North can then afford to raise to three spades, for lack of a better bid. And South will then bid four spades. Note especially that South's actual bid of two no-trump, guaranteed at least one stopper in clubs. When partners bid three suits, the player who first bids no-trump guarantees to take care of the fourth suit.

* * *

Thursday you were David Bruce Burnstone's partner and, with neither side vulnerable, you hold:

♦ A Q 10 5 3			
♦ 7	♦ 7	♦ 7	♦ 7
♦ Q J 4	♦ Q J 4	♦ Q J 4	♦ Q J 4
♦ A K 9 2	♦ A K 9 2	♦ A K 9 2	♦ A K 9 2

The bidding:

You	Jacoby	Burnstone	Schenkos
1♦	Pass	2♦	Pass
(7)			

ANSWER: Bid three clubs. This is a very strong bid and is perfectly adequate to show your strength. There is no particular virtue in bidding no-trump when you have a singleton in one red suit and a single stopper in the other.

Score 100% for three clubs, 60% for two no-trump, 30% for three no-trump, 30% for three spades or four clubs.

Question No. 688

To-day you are Howard Schenkos partner and, with neither side vulnerable you hold:

♦ A Q 10 5 3			
♦ 7 2	♦ 7 2	♦ 7 2	♦ 7 2
♦ Q 10 4			
♦ A Q 9	♦ A Q 9	♦ A Q 9	♦ A Q 9

The bidding:

You	Jacoby	Burnstone	Maler
1♦	Pass	2♦	Pass
(7)			

What do you bid? (Answer Monday). (Released by The Bell Syndicate, Inc.)

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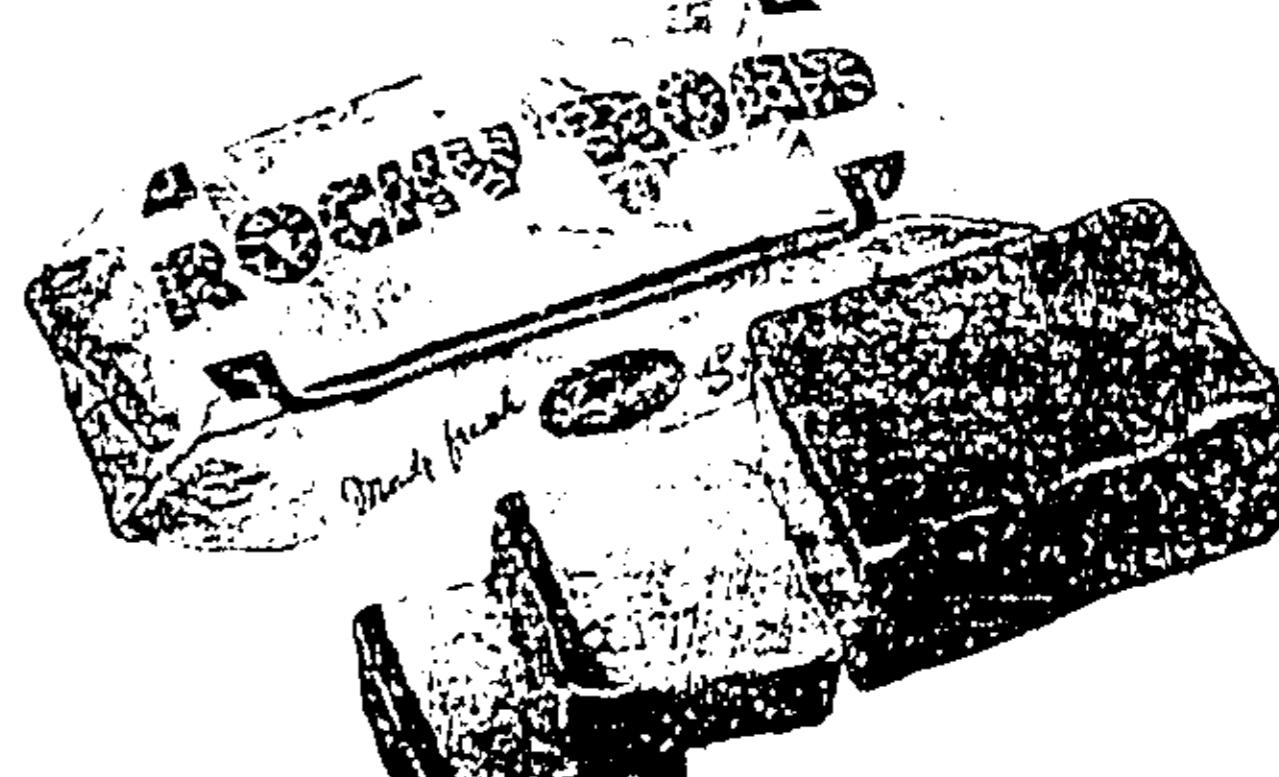
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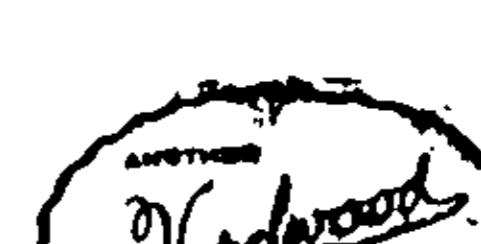
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Thursday, 10th April, 1941.
1. RECRUITS' MEDICAL EXAMINATION

Fri. 18th Apr. HQ 5.30 p.m.
Orderly Medical Officer 1st G.T. Balcony

2. PROMOTIONS

Extract from Government Gazette No. 24 dated 4th April, 1941.

"No. 371 His Excellency the Governor has been pleased to approve the following promotions in the Hong Kong Volunteer Defence Corps, with effect from 16th March, 1941."

Sapper Edward Cock, M.B.E., Sapper Alexander Malcolm, to be Captains of an Auxiliary Unit.

Sapper Gerald George Wood, Sapper Sidney George Smith, to be Lieutenants of an Auxiliary Unit, 3rd April, 1941."

3. TROPHIES COMPETITION RESULTS—CORPS ARTILLERY

(a) Governor's Trophy—Most efficient Battery.—2nd Battery.

(b) Artillery Cup—Most efficient Gun Detachment in all Batteries.—2nd Battery-Sgt. McFayden's Detachment.

(c) Marchal Trophy—Most efficient detachment in 3rd and 4th Batteries.

3rd Battery Sgt. Leonard's Detachment.

4. PROMOTION EXAMINATION RESULTS

The following have passed to Sergeants in a Promotion Examination held on 8.4.41.

A/Cpl. V. V. Faciato, No. 7 Coy.
A/Cpl. V. G. Stott, No. 7 Coy.

5. PARADES

(a) Corps Artillery
i. Manning Parade 17.4.41-18.4.41.

Batteries will parade on the 17th for night Manning exercise at HQ, as under:

5th A.A. Bty. 13.30 hours.
1st & 3rd Bty. 13.45 hours.
2nd & 4th Bty. 14.15 hours.

Dress For 17.4.41.

1, 2, 3 & 4th Btys. S.D. cap jacket, trousers, boots, web-equipment including haversack and water bottle filled. Steel helmet, overalls and gun platform shoes to be carried. Greatcoat, knife, fork, spoon, plate and mug to be brought.

5th A.A. Battery S.D. cap, shirt, cardigan, trousers, boots, web equipment including haversack and water bottle filled. Steel helmet, overalls and gun platform shoes to be carried. Greatcoat, knife, fork, spoon, plate, mug to be brought.

Transport

Only 1 private car per Battery detailed by the Bty. Comdr. will be used for the transportation of personnel to and from Battery positions.

Other Members

Members of 1st, 4th and 5th A.A. Btys. who cannot parade as above and have their Bty. Comdr.'s permission will parade at HQ. at 5.15 p.m. when transport will be available.

(a) CORPS ARTILLERY

ii. 2nd Battery

Mon. 21st Apr. HQ. 5.30 p.m.
Those detailed. Kit inspection Dress—Mufti.

iii. 5th A.A. Battery

Tues. 15th Apr. St. John's Place. 5.30 p.m. 1 & 2 Secs. Lecture, Dress—Mufti

(b) FIELD COMPANY ENGINEERS

Thurs. 17th Apr. K.C.R. (i) Technical training by Sections (less Special Working Party). 8.30 a.m. Dress—Shirts, shorts, boots, hose-tops, puttees, cardigans, S.D. Caps. Overalls will be carried. (ii) Special Working Party, 12.30 p.m. Dress—Battle Order.

(c) CORPS SIGNALS

Mon. 14th Apr. No parade.
Wed. 16th Apr. HQ. 2 p.m. (i) Classification Group. Special training. (ii) Remainder Signal exercise. (iii) Evening parade. Signal training as detailed.

Fri. 18th Apr. HQ. 2 p.m. (i) W/T Class will parade at 1.45 p.m.

(ii) Remainder Field Signal training (iii) Evening parade Signal training as detailed.

(d) MOBILE COLUMN

Mon. 14th Apr. No parade.
Wed. 16th Apr. Hung Hom 8 a.m. All Platoon Exercise in New Territories. Dress—Battle Order. RTR caps. Vehicle & Working Party. No. 2 Pln. and No. 4 Sec. No. 4 Pln.

Fri. 18th Apr. (i) Nos. 1 and 2 Pln. Classes A.B.C. Kennedy Road Range. Parade at Drill Hall 5.15 p.m. Range Officer Lt K C Hamilton. Classes D, E. Miniature Range Range Officer 2/Lt. M G Carruthers. (ii) Nos. 3 and 4 Plns. Class 1 Miniature Range Class 2. Gas drill with arms S. B. Respirators will be drawn under CQMS. Butler. Class 3 Musketry.

(iii) No. 5 Pln. Message writing (iv) Dress All Plns. Overalls. RTR Cap.

Command. Capt. J. R. Way takes over command of Mobile Column w.e.f. 18.4.41.

(e) NO. 1 COMPANY

Mon. 14th Apr. No parade.
Tues. 15th Apr. HQ. 5.30 p.m. Weapon training.

Fri. 18th Apr. HQ. 5.30 p.m. Weapon training.

(f) NO. 2 COMPANY

Tues. 15th Apr. Kowloon Dock 5.30 p.m. No. 6 Pln. Weapon training.

Wed. 16th Apr. HQ. 5.30 p.m. No. 7 Pln. Weapon training.

Fri. 18th Apr. HQ. 8.30 a.m. Company parade for Manning exercise Dress—Battle Order.

(g) NO. 3 COMPANY

Mon. 14th Apr. No parade.
Thurs. 17th Apr. HQ. 5.20 p.m. Training as in Company programme.

Sun. 27th Apr. Kowloon City Range 9 a.m. Casuals M.G. Classification.

(h) NO. 4 COMPANY

Wed. 18th Apr. Murray Parade Ground. 5.15 p.m. Recruits and those detailed from Classes 9 and 10.

(i) NO. 5 COMPANY

Mon. 14th Apr. No parade.
Tues. 15th Apr. HQ. 5.30 p.m. M.G. Secs. T.O.E.T. 5 & 6. I.G. Secs Points B.D.A.

(j) NO. 6 COMPANY

Tues. 15th Apr. HQ. 5.30 p.m.
Fri. 18th Apr. HQ. 10.30 a.m. Manning Exercise. Dress—Boots, puttees, nose-tops, shorts, shirts, K.D. jacket, steel helmet, webbing equipment. Rifle, bayonet, water-bottle, haversack and box respirator.

(k) NO. 7 COMPANY

Tues. 15th Apr. HQ. 5.45 p.m.
L. G. Training. Probable stoppages.

Fri. 18th Apr. HQ. 8 a.m. Full day training at D'Aguilar. Dress Fighting Order, steel helmet.

(l) ARMY SERVICE CORPS COMPANY

Sun. 13th Apr.-Sat. 19th Apr. inclusive. Transport & Supplies Sections on duty as detailed under Company arrangements. Dress as ordered.

Daily Duty Officer as detailed.

Tues. 15th Apr. HQ. 5.30 p.m. L.G. instruction Class. Those detailed.

Thurs. 17th Apr. HQ. 5.30 p.m. Company Parade. Dress—Mufti. Full attendance compulsory.

Sun. 20th Apr. All day exercise. Details later.

(m) FIELD AMBULANCE

Tues. 15th Apr. HQ. 5.30 p.m. Dress—Steel helmet, jacket, trousers, boots, webbing belt, waterbottle filled, haversack mess. Kit bags will be carried containing shorts, puttees, hose-tops. Greatcoat, cardigan, knife, fork and spoon.

The exercise will terminate at approx. 7 p.m. on Wed. 10th.

(n) PAY SECTION

Thurs. 17th Apr. Command H.Q. 8.30 a.m. Sub-Section I. Those detailed, Dress—Uniform.

Fri. 18th Apr. Command H.Q. 8.30 a.m. Sub-Section II. Those detailed, Dress—Uniform.

(o) FORTRESS SIGNAL COMPANY

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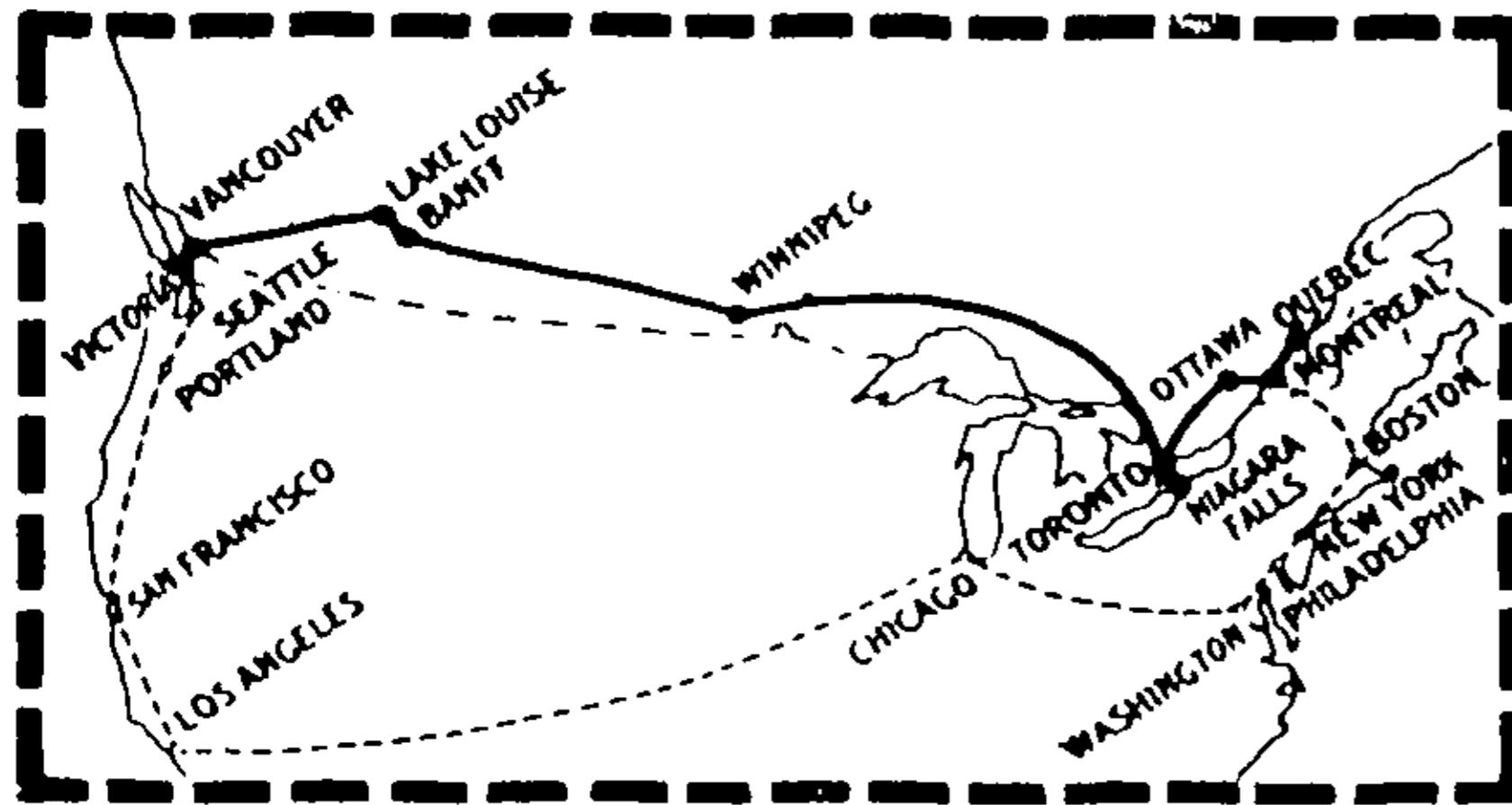
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1.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal.

1.01 p.m.—Compositions of Bizet. Danse Boheme (from "The Fair Maid of Perth") London Philharmonic Orchestra, Cavatine De Leda (from "Les Pecheurs De Perles") Ninon Vallin (Soprano) with Orchestra, L'Arioste Suite, No. 2 Sir Thomas Beecham cond. the London Philharmonic Orchestra, Carmen Fantasy (arr. Sarasate) Extreme Zimbalist (Violin) with Piano acc., Spanish Serenade New Light Symphony Orchestra

1.30 p.m.—Reuter & Rugby Press and Announcements
1.45 p.m.—Variety.

Vocal: My Girl Said (Dresser), Sleepy Time Gal (Fran & Others), The Mills Brothers Piano Medley In The No Regrets, Laughing Irish Eyes, A Fine Romance, Serenade in the Night, Take my Heart Patricia Rossborough Vocal Down at the Hole in the Wall (Satony & Others), Oh, Ain't It Grand to be in the Navy (from "All at Sea"), Arthur Askey with Jack Hilton & Some of his boys, Accordeon Ooch, The Happy Whistler (Alexander), Minnie's Valse (Alexander), Biba Accordeon Orchesita with Whistling and Yodelling Vocal: Side Kick Joe (Barley) The Mills Brothers

2.15 p.m.—Close down
2.45 p.m.—Indian Programme.
3.00 p.m.—Boyes—The Prospect Before Us. Arranged by Constant Lambert Sadler's Wells Orchestra conducted by Constant Lambert.

3.55 p.m.—A Song by Tudor Davies (Tenor), Phyllis Has Such Charming Graces (arr. Lane Wilson)

7.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News.

7.15 p.m.—London Relay—Talk by Sir Hugh Walpole.

7.30 p.m.—London Relay—Special Broadcast to the British Forces in the Far East.

8.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal and Announcements

8.02 p.m.—Studio—Two Piano Jazz Recital by Hal Lorenzo and Toby Gray.

8.25 p.m.—The Gay Ninties, Frank Luther with Zora Layman and The Century Quartet

8.45 p.m.—Edith Lorand and Her Vienna Orchestra.

By The Swanee River—Fantasy (Myddleton); Plantation Songs (Powell); Why Do You Hate Me?—Tango (Stransky); My Dream—Waltz (Waldeufel); Aubade D'Amour (Monti).

9.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News.

9.15 p.m.—London Relay—Questions of the Hour.

9.30 p.m.—Local Sports Results.

9.33 p.m.—Light Orchestral Programme with Essie Ackland (Contralto).

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9.45 p.m.—News in French (on Short Wave only).

10.00 p.m.—London Relay—Variety Pro-

gramme.

41.00 p.m.—Dance Music.

Quickstep—Lucky Me, Lucky You (from "Come out and Play"); How Beautiful You Are (from "Black Velvet") ... Victor Silvester & His Ballroom Orchestra, Fox-Trots—Horsey, Keep Your Tail Up; My Pony Boy ... Freddie Schnickel-fritz' Fisher & His Band, Tangos—Manila; Pobre Francesita ... Bernardo Alemany & His Orchestra, Fox-Trots—Little Boy Bubbles; Haw-Haw ... Jack Hylton & His Orchestra, Swing Fox-Trot—Three Little Fishes ... Billy Costello (the Original Pop Eye) with Orchestra, Waltz—Love Stay in My Heart (from "Top of the World"); Quickstep—Where the Blue Begins (from "Top of the World") ... Victor Silvester & His Ballroom Orchestra, 4/8—Follow the White Line; Fox-Trot—My Heart Belongs to Daddy ... Harry Roy & His Orchestra, Fox-Trot—Gypsy Tears; Quickstep—Cuban Lady ... Mantovani & His Orchestra, Novelty Dance—The Black-Out Stroll; Veleta—Gay Ninties Selection ... Victor Silvester & His Ballroom Orchestra, Fox-Trots—Fare Thee Well; Goodnight, Children, Everywhere ... Jack Hylton & His Orchestra,

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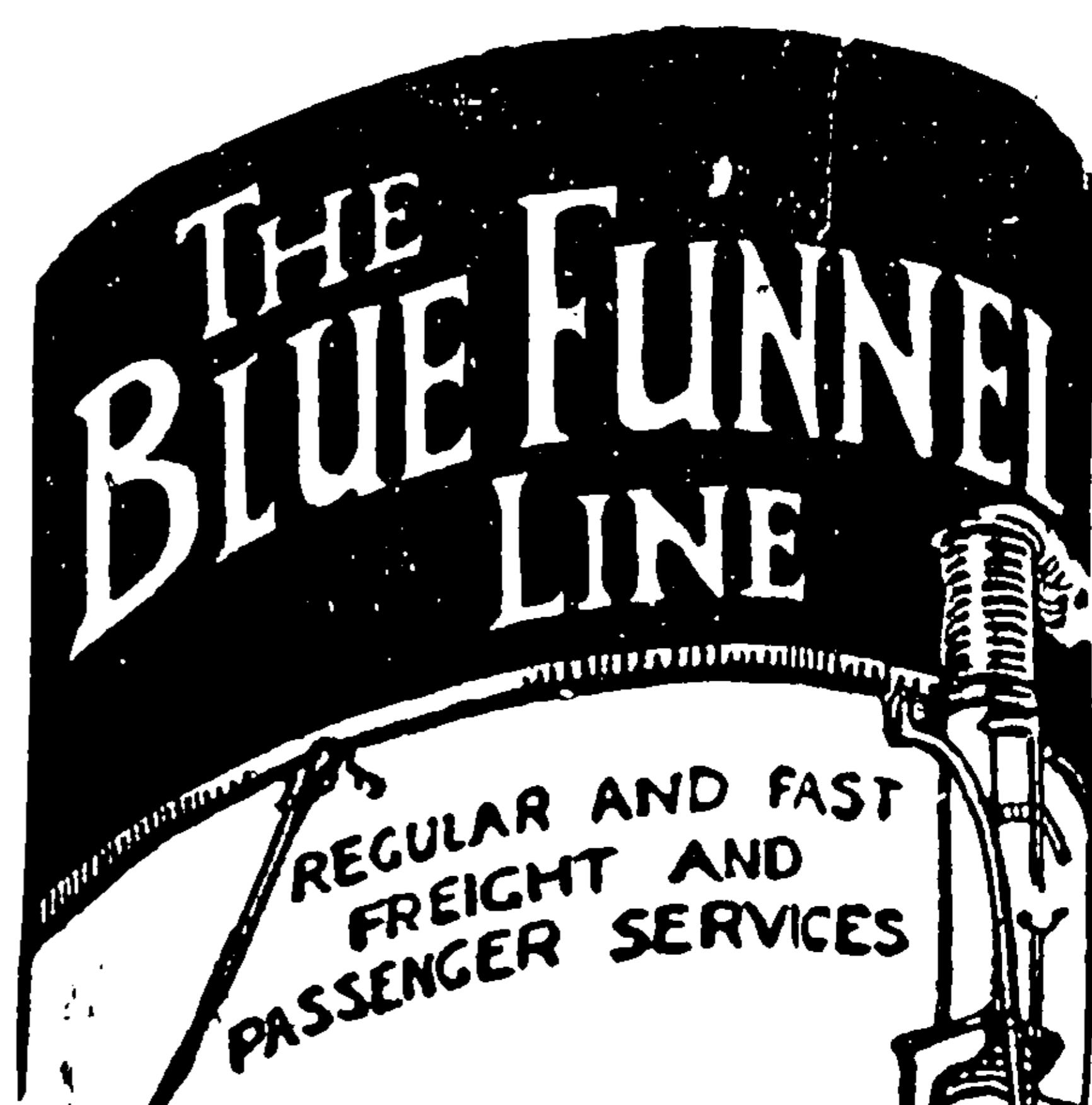
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BOWLING ALLEY JOTTINGS

By "STRIKE"

A brilliant Duck Pin Score was registered in the Alleys by E. J. Moore of U.S.S. "Tulsa" recently. He bagged no fewer than 161 to make him top scorer for the month.

There was no doubt that he bowled like one inspired that day, as his scores for the nine consecutive games were magnificent with 107, 84, 141, 102, 151, 95, 104, and 143, making an aggregate of 1028 or an average of 114.2 pins per game.

His average would have been much better had he not failed on his third game to make a poor score of 161, after netting 213 on his first game and 222 on his second game.

Williams, for Chase Bank, was second top scorer with 459, the third in order of scoring was D. L. Ballantyne who registered 393. The match was a very enjoyable one, judging by the friendly "razzing" of both teams.

Probably the most interesting and keenly contested tournament that was ever played off in these Alleys was the U.S.S. "Tulsa" inter-divisional Duck Pin Tournament played on December last year.

On that occasion the ship entered seven Duck Pin Teams, comprising the first, second, fourth, seventh Divisions, one team of Officers, and one team of Petty Officers. In all it took twelve days to complete the tournament.

On that occasion the fifth Division won with a total pinnage of 6794 or an average of 94.36 pins per player.

I would very much like to see another tournament run on similar lines as the last one.

ARMY RUGBY SEVEN-A-SIDES TO-DAY

The Army's Seven-a-Side Rugby Tournament will be concluded this afternoon when the quarter-finals and subsequent rounds will be played.

Royal Engineers "A" who are favourites for the Title for the second year in succession meet Medical Corps in the Quarter Finals and this should be one of the best games of the tournament.

Following is the draw for the quarter-final round:

5th A.A. "A" v 5th A.A. R.A.C.C.
Signals v Royal Scots
5th A.A. "B" v Engineers "B"
Engineers "A" v Medical Corps



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1941 FORM GUIDE

Following is a complete survey of racing at the Valley this year, giving the time, first three ponies, their jockeys and weights, won by and when A.M. stands for Annual Meeting, and 1 or 2 means first or second day. E.1 represents First Extra Race Meeting, etc.

AUSTRALIAN PONIES

"A" CLASS

1 MILE 171 YARDS

1.53 Sapper (Davis, 150); Record, 2; Distant View (Pih, 152); 3; Viceroy (Black, 140); 2½ and 1½ lengths and 1½ lengths E.2

AUSTRALIAN GRIFFINS, 1941

HALF MILE & 170 YARDS

1.01.1 Distant View (Pih, 152); 2; Fleetwing (Poy, 152); 3; Misty View (Botelho, 152); 5 and 2 A.M.3

1.02.0 Starlight (Moller, 152); 2; Nomine Poenae (Chao, 152); 3; Hascossay (Davis, 152); 2 and short head A.M.4

1.02.2 Gloaming (Poy, 152); 2; Hascossay (Davis, 152); 3; Locus Standi (Sokoloff, 152); 3 and short head A.M.5

6 FURLONGS

1.16 Vanity Fair (Wei, 150); 2; Many Thanks (Pih, 150); 3; Griffel (Black, 140); Short head and a head E.2

1.18.4 Moonlight (Wei, 142); Happy Returns (Chao, 151); 3; Pure pernickel (Pih, 152); Many lengths and a neck E.2

1.18.2 Distant View (Pih, 152); 2; Vice-Major (Sokoloff, 152); 3; Starlight (Moller, 152); 3 and 5 A.M.1

ONE MILE

1.48.3 A Luxurious Time (Hearne, 152); 2; Prairie View (Pih, 152); 3; National Courage (Tao, 152); 3 and 2 A.M.5

1.50.3 Mainsail (Black, 152); 2; A Rosy Time (Hearne, 149); 3; The Kona Bear (Tang, 152); 5 and 1½ A.M.5

1.51.0 A Happy Time (Holden, 152); 2; Fleetwing (Poy, 152); 3; Colooma (Black, 152); 5 and short head A.M.1

1 MILE 171 YARDS

1.55 Starlight (Wei, 147); 2; Colooma (Black, 152); 3; Mountain View (Botelho, 145); Half length and a neck

2.00.3 Fleetwing (Poy, 152); Starlight (Moller, 152); 3; Mountain View (Pih, 152); 3 and 1 A.M.2

2.19.3 Colooma (Black, 152); 2; Oracle (Needa, 149); 3; Prairie View (Pih, 152); Short head and 3 A.M.3

2.19.4 First Love (Liang, 152); 2; Prairie View (Pih, 152); 3; Marsh Warbler (Black, 152); 3 and short head A.M.1

1½ MILES

2.54.1 Distant View (Pih, 152); 2; Oracle (Needa, 151); 3; First Love (Liang, 152); Many and 3 A.M.2

2½ MILES

3.25.1 Marsh Warbler (Black, 152); 2; Mountain View (Pih, 152); 3; National Courage (Tao, 152); 2½ and many A.M.4

AUSTRALIAN SUBS, 1941

HALF MILE

51.1 Moonlight (Noodt, 149); 2; Bon Vacantia (Sokoloff, 152); 3; Fresh Air (Ip Kui-ying, 149); 2 and short head A.M.2

54.1 Bendemeer (Needa, 152); 2; Royal Sovereign (Noodt, 152); 3; Newborn Star (Craven, 152); 2 and 4 A.M.2

6 FURLONGS

1.18.4 United Express (Ip Kui-ying, 152); 2; Fresh Air (Woo, 149); 3; Newborn Star (Craven, 152); 5 and ½ A.M.1

1.19.4 Amulet Star (Craven, 152); 2; Black Seal (Chao, 152); 3; A Surprising Time (Holden, 152); Neck and short head A.M.1

1.19.4 National Welfare (Tao, 152); 2; Happy Returns (Wei, 149); 3; Vitamin M. (Black, 152); Head and neck A.M.1

1.20.2 Maple Leaf (Noodt, 149); 2; Optima Fide (Sokoloff, 152); Fresh Air (Needa, 149); 1½ and 3 A.M.3

1.47.4 Corsair (Botelho, 149); 2; Bon Vacantia (Lee, 152); 3; Daylight (Wei, 152); 2 and 3 E.1

1.47.4 Optima Fide (Chao, 152); 2; Sydney Lady (Hearne, 152); 3; A Rosy Time (Black, 149); Half length and a neck E.1

1.44.0 Oracle (Needa, 150); Nomine Poenae (Chao, 152); 3; Prairie View (Pih, 152); 1½ and 6 E.1 (Record)

1.44.2 Conieber (Chao, 151); 2; Devonian (Black, 142); 3; Rowan (Hearne, 150); 2 and 3 neck E.1

1.46.1 Black Seal (Needa, 152); 2; The Kona Bear (Tang, 152); 3; Bendigo (Black, 152); Half length and 1½ length E.1

1.44.3 Shuttlecock (Black, 130); 2; Venus Bay (Needa, 150); 3; Cockleroi (Davis, 130); A neck and 3 E.1

ONE MILE

1.48.0 Manhattan (Hearne, 140); Jus Gentium (Sokoloff, 150); 3; Endeavour (Wei, 152); 4 and 3 A.M.1

1.48.0 Endeavour (Moller, 152); 2; Mainail (Yuen, 152); 3; A Surprising Time (Black, 152); 1½ and 4 A.M.4

1.49.2 Jus Gentium (Black, 149); 2; Snow White (Pih, 149); 3; Seal River (Hearne, 149); 2 and 3 E.1

RAPIER'S SELECTIONS FOR TO-DAY

1 MILE 171 YARDS

1.59.1 Fair Chance (Wei, 146); 2; Springhurst (Poy, 148); 3; Vixen Tor (Noodt, 143); 1½ and short head A.M.1

TWO MILES

3.39.1 Endeavour (Wei, 145); 2; Australian Diamond (Chao, 150); 3; Viceroy (Black, 154); 4 and 3 E.1

3.51.4 Brutus (Treverton, 135); 2; Springhurst (Poy, 149); 3; Conieber (Chao, 148); 3 and 1 A.M.4

3.54.3 Centre Court (Noodt, 146); 2; Venus Bay (Needa, 150); 3; Colorado Star (Davis, 135); 1½ and many A.M.5

AUSTRALIAN CHAMPIONS

1½ MILES

2.17.0 Sapper (Davis, 152); 2; Distant View (Pih, 152); 3; Viceroy (Black, 152); 3 and 5 A.M.4

2.18.1 United Express (Ip Kui-ying, 152); 2; Jus Gentium (Sokoloff, 150); 3; Happy Returns (Chao, 151); 3 and ½ A.M.5

NEW CHINA PONIES

ABOUT HALF-MILE 171 YARDS

1.06.2 Lancashire Lass (R. K. C. Chui, 146); 2; Jennifer (Coppin, 152); 3; King Kong (Ho Pak-ying, 147); 3 and a neck E.2

1.08.3 Galveston Bay (Yul, 145); 2; Musketeer (Ho Pak-ying, 139); 3; Emergency Unit (S. W. Lee, 142); Half length and four lengths E.2

8 FURLONGS

1.23.3 Oolong (Needa, 152); 2; Lovelight (Noodt, 152); 3; Palber (Chao, 152); 3 and 4 A.M.1

1.24.4 Charlesber (Chao, 152); 2; Iron Beauty (Wei, 152); 3; Odion (Sequena, 152); 4 and many E.1

1.26.0 Palber (Chao, 152); 2; Sam's Choice (Black, 149); 3; Wonderful Scheme (Sokoloff, 152); 1 and 1 A.M.4

ONE MILE

1.56. Eve of Grandeur (Davis, 149); 2; Odion (Needa, 152); 3; Night Express (Ip Kui-ying, 149); 2 and 2 E.2

1.58.1 Velvetlight (Moller, 159); 2; Oolong (Pollock, 159); 3; Charlesber (Chao, 152); ½ and many A.M.4

1.59.3 World Fair View (Pih, 152); 2; Palber (Chao, 152); 3; Sam's Choice (Black, 149); Many and head A.M.3

2.01.0 Eve of Dancing (Wood, 154); Eve of Folly (Davis, 156); Rose Jane (Botelho, 149); 2 and a head A.M.5

2.10.4 Oolong (Sokoloff, 150); 2; Velvetlight (Moller, 159); 3; Charlesber (Chao, 152); Short head and many A.M.3

1 MILE, 171 YARDS

2.10.1 Sam's Choice (Black, 149); 2; Charlesber (Chao, 152); 3; Iron Beauty (Wei) Short head and 3 lengths A.M.5

1½ MILES

2.41.0 Velvetlight (Moller, 152); 2; Eve of Deception (Coppin, 156); 3; Raconteur (Wei, 152); 3 and many A.M.1

3.02.0 Oolong (Needa, 152); 2; Velvetlight (Moller, 152); 3; Lovelight (Noodt, 152); 1 and 6 A.M.2

OLD CHINA PONIES

1.08. Avon (Black, 144); 2; Rose Emily (Chiu Ki-fan, 130); 3; Hughber (Chao, 150); 3 and half-length E.2

1.22.1 Velvetlight (Wei, 150); 2; World Fair View (Pih, 149); 3; Charlesber (K. I. Ip, 142); Three-quarter lengths and 1½ lengths E.2

6 FURLONGS

1.34.3 Eve of Peace (Wood, 155); 2; Lovely Star (Fung, 159); 3; Royal Wedding Eve (Feilden, 166); 6 and many A.M.2

1.54.0 Racylight (Noodt, 152); 2; Eve of Harvest (Davis, 152); 3; Spicylight (Moller, 155); 1 and ½ A.M.3

1.58.1 Hillsboro Bay (Needa, 152); 2; Hughber (Treverton, 138); 3; Lilliber (Chang, 143); Short head and neck A.M.3

1.58.3 Conquering Time (Moller, 150); and Eve of Reason (Davis, 133); 3; Hughber (Chang, 135); Dead heat and short head A.M.2

BATTLE-CRUISERS STRADDLED

Armour-Piercing Bombs Used On Nazi Raiders

Heavy R.A.F. Attack On Brest

NAVAL UNITS AT BREST, INCLUDING THE 26,000-TON BATTLE-CRUISERS SCHARNHORST AND GNEISENAU, WERE AGAIN HEAVILY ATTACKED BY THE R.A.F. ON THURSDAY NIGHT, ACCORDING TO AN AIR MINISTRY COMMUNIQUE.

Both these cruisers were seen to be straddled by bombs from several aircraft and damage was also done in the docks.

During Thursday night a number of targets in the Ruhr and Rhineland were bombed, in spite of poor weather, the principal target being Dusseldorf.

In the afternoon a small number of Blenheim bombers attacked the enemy base at Brest.

Coming in at sea level, the British aircraft achieved a complete surprise. Direct hits were observed on buildings and troops running for cover were heavily machine-gunned.

Repeatedly Straddled

From all these operations eight of our fighters are missing.

Bombs specially designed to pierce armour were used in the further raids on the Scharnhorst and Gneisenau.

Two attacks were made, one lasting about two hours before midnight and the other about 4 a.m. and there is every reason, says the Air Ministry news service.

vice, to believe they must have been damaging.

BOTH THE BATTLE-CRUISERS WERE VISIBLE AND WERE REPEATEDLY STRADDLED —REUTER.

CHINESE AWARD FOR J.C.J.L.

In recognition of its convenient shipping services along the China coast and between China and the Dutch East Indies, the Chinese National Government has awarded a wooden tablet to the Java-China-Japan-Lijn.

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JAPANESE SOUTHWARD MOVES

That a Japanese move to the south will probably take place within a month, is the opinion expressed in Chinese military circles in Chungking.

When questioned in regard to the withdrawal of Japanese forces and aircraft from French Indo-China, the Chinese military spokesman replied that whether they had been transferred to Hainan or Formosa as yet was not ascertained, but latest information he had received indicated an increase in the number of warships and transports off Hainan and Formosa.

No large reinforcements either of troops or aircraft had been sent to China in recent weeks, he added. —Reuter.

FATSHAN HELD UP

THE SAILING OF THE S.S. FATSHAN HAS AGAIN BEEN POSTPONED. ACCORDING TO ADVICE RECEIVED IN HONG KONG FROM THE CANTON AGENTS OF THE SHIP.

Scheduled to leave for Canton to-morrow, the vessel will now not be able to do so, the Japanese authorities having extended the closure of the Pearl River "until further notice."

GERMAN FORCES REACH BRITISH DEFENCE LINES

(Continued from Page 1)

British G.O.C.

Lt.-Gen. Sir Henry Maitland Willdene is in command of the British troops in Greece, under the direction of General Papagos, Commander-in-Chief of the Greek Army, it was officially stated in London yesterday.

Sir Henry became G.O.C. British troops in Egypt in 1939. He was responsible for the defence of the Western Desert frontier during the difficult months after the collapse of France and the entry of Italy into the war.

From the beginning of December onwards he directed operations which carried the British front to Benghazi and beyond.

After the capture of Benghazi, Sir Henry was appointed G.O.C. British troops Cyrenaica and Military Governor of that province.

British and Australian sappers and R.A.S.C. drivers have been assisting in the evacuation of Salonika up to the moment of the German entry.

Answering a Greek S.O.S., British drivers went as far as Vevyella to bring back wounded, often under withering machine-gun fire.

One British heavy lorry deliberately rammed a German light tank, leaving it a total wreck.

Sappers methodically blew up bridges, and destroyed oil dumps and stores, at last leaving the city only when the Germans were actually entering.

All British residents and British stores were already evacuated safely.

R.A.F. Busy

Contending against very bad weather, R.A.F. bombers and fighters maintained their offensive action against the Germans in northern Greece and southern Yugoslavia.

Many casualties were caused when fighters machine-gunned troops and trucks at Bitoli. Two large vehicles in an armoured column on the road between Florina and Prilep were directly hit. —Reuter.

TOKYO INTEREST IN DEFENCE TALKS AT MANILA

THE PRESENCE OF Netherlands officials at the Manila conference of British and American defence leaders is "very conspicuous," the official spokesman admitted to a German correspondent at yesterday's press conference in Tokyo.

The spokesman, however, refused to agree to the German correspondent's suggestion of "encirclement," and said Japan was only watching with interest.

The spokesman said a Japan-Soviet trade treaty was almost ready for signature.

He added "They appear very nervous when we have no territorial design in the South Sea region, our only interest being an economic one."

Japan "Watchful"

He refused further comment, saying "We must be watchful

what our neighbours do." Asked if Mr. Matsuoka will sign the trade treaty the spokesman replied "I cannot say anything about that," but disclosed that the forthcoming agreement would be mainly based upon the barter system, with the amount of trade and kinds of interchangeable goods specified.

"We hope for big trade with the Soviet but must start with a modest volume of trade," the spokesman stated. —Reuter.

STOP PRESS

Mr. Matsuoka returned to Moscow yesterday after his visit to Leningrad and resumed the conversations with M. Molotov in the evening. —Reuter.

[SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL"]

Unconfirmed reports reaching Shanghai last night alleged that a "revolution" broke out and was subsequently quelled in Bangkok. Many pro-Japanese instigators are alleged to have been arrested. Details are lacking and no confirmation of the reports was obtainable. —Reuter.

A decomposed body, believed to be of a European, was found floating yesterday afternoon near Lantau Island by a Water Police patrol.

With the exception of a cotton singlet the body was entirely nude.

The Nazi advance on Belgrade is proceeding from captured Nish in Central Yugoslavia, said Lyons radio last night.

Other German troops are reported to be moving towards Lubljanka to link up with Italian forces that have invaded north-western Yugoslavia. —Reuter.

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